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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island
AT ITS
One Hundred and Fifth Semi-Annual Conclave
MAY 3, 1911

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was opened in Free Masons Hall, in the city of Providence, R.I., on Wednesday, May 3, A.D. 1911, at 10.50 o'clock, A.M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

R.:E.:SIR JOHN ALBERT BLAKE	Grand Commander
V.:E.:SIR LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR	Deputy Grand Commander
E.:SIR FRANK L. NAGLE	Grand Generalissimo
E.:SIR WILLIAM W. JOHNSON	Grand Captain General
E.:SIR WALTER F. MEDDING	Grand Senior Warden
E.:SIR FREDERICK I. DANA	Grand Junior Warden
E.:SIR REV. R. PERRY BUSH	Grand Prelate
R.:E.:SIR HERBERT F. MORSE	Grand Treasurer
E.:SIR BENJAMIN W. ROWELL	Grand Recorder
E.:SIR SAMUEL D. SHERWOOD	Grand Standard Bearer
E.:SIR WILLIAM H. EMERSON	Grand Sword Bearer
E.:SIR R. WALTER HILLIARD	Grand Warder
E.:SIR HARRY G. POLLARD	Grand Captain of Guard
E.:SIR WILLIAM J. BOLTON	}
E.:SIR EVERETT C. BENTON	
E.:SIR FRANK T. PEARCE	
E.:SIR ISAAC CHASE	
E.:SIR ARTHUR W. BECKFORD	Grand Lecturers

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R.:E.:Sir John P. Sanborn.	R.:E.:Sir Charles I. Litchfield.
R.:E.:Sir George L. Shepley.	R.:E.:Sir Herbert F. Morse.
R.:E.:Sir Freeman C. Hersey.	R.:E.:Sir Walter W. Burnham.

The Grand Recorder reported a constitutional number of Subordinate Commanderies as being represented, whereupon the R.:E.:Grand Commander proceeded to open the Grand Commandery in ample form, assisted by the other Grand Officers, the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by Em.:Sir Alvin F. Pease of Beauseant Commandery, after which the R.:E.:Grand Commander declared the Grand Commandery duly opened and ready for the dispatch of business.

RECORDS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The records of the Annual Conclave of 1910 having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was by vote dispensed with and the record as printed was approved.

ADDRESS OF THE R.:E.:GRAND COMMANDER,
R.:E.:SIR JOHN ALBERT BLAKE

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE, R.I., May 3, 1911.

Eminent Sirs:

It is my privilege and pleasure to give you a cordial and fraternal greeting to this One Hundred and Fifth Semi-Annual Conclave of our Grand Commandery, and call your attention to its duties and responsibilities. It is encouraging and inspiring to welcome so large a representation of the fraters of this Jurisdiction. We have every reason for gratitude for the prosperity that has been vouchsafed us since our last Conclave, and may one and all unite in offering our heartfelt thanks to the "Supreme Grand Commander" for the blessings that have been so liberally bestowed upon us.

NECROLOGY

Again and again are we called upon to mourn the departure of friends and fraters to their eternal rest. We bow in submission to the Divine will, but the heart aches at these separations until there comes to us the wonderful promises of our "Supreme Grand Master" and we realize that

"One of these days they will all be over,
Sorrow and laughter, loss and gain,
Meetings and partings of friend and lover,
Joy that was often tinged with pain."

"One of these days we shall know the reason,
Haply, of much that perplexes now.
One of these days, in the Lord's good season,
Light of His peace shall adorn the brow."

RIGHT EMINENT SIR JOHN DONALD MUNROE, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, on the fifteenth of October,

at about the hour of sunset, passed through the portals of the West Gate, into the City of Rest.

John Donald Munroe was born on Prince Edward's Island in February, 1854. He removed to the city of Fall River, July 1, 1867. At the age of eighteen years he became a member of a printing firm, and in September, 1885, he bought the control of the business. By adhering strictly to the rules of unvarying courtesy and a spirit of accommodation, he developed the Munroe Press into one of the largest printing houses in the city.

He had been President of the Fall River Daily Herald Publishing Company; Treasurer and Manager of the same, severing his connection with that corporation in 1909. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Union Savings Bank for many years.

In military affairs he took quite an interest, becoming a member of Company M (now the 12th Company, C.C.A.), and served as Private, Corporal, Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, and First Lieutenant. He was a close student of military tactics, and as an officer held the respect of his company to an extraordinary degree. In the formation of the Naval Brigade Sir Knight Munroe showed an enthusiastic interest, and was elected on September 30, 1892, as Lieutenant and Chief of Company F, retiring in 1894 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He did not lose his interest in military affairs and upon the outbreak of the Spanish War in 1898 took up the task of reorganizing and drilling the 13th Provisional Company, who stood ready to answer their country's call. For a number of years he held the position of drill-master of the B. M. C. Durfee High School and was particularly successful in that office, as he had both the temperament and natural aptitude to impress the minds of his youthful students with soldierly qualities and the ambition to excel.

Our departed frater was prominently identified with Freemasonry, and at the time of his death was one of the best known Masons of the Order in the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

He was raised to the degree of Master Mason in King Philip

Lodge, November 1, 1881, and was Worshipful Master of the same in 1898, 1899.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Fall River Royal Arch Chapter, January 23, 1882, and was elected Most Excellent High Priest in November, 1894.

He was a District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts in 1897.

He became a member of Fall River Council of Royal and Select Masters, July 2, 1883, and was made Thrice Illustrious Master of the same in 1900.

He received the orders of Knighthood in Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery in 1888, and served as Eminent Commander from 1894 to 1896, and for distinguished service was presented a certificate of Honorary Membership, December 25, 1908.

To those of us who knew him, he was a loved and valued friend and a tried comrade.

Brought up under the domination of the rigid code of his Presbyterian forbears, denied by circumstances of most of the pleasures of boyhood, he passed through the struggles and trials of youth, and attained a broad-minded and deep-thinking manhood.

His personality was quiet and unostentatious, yet attracted the attention of others by virtue of his uprightness and integrity as a business man, and fulfilling to the letter of the law what he conceived to be his duty to others.

Of infinite patience and charity, his counsel and advice was much sought by others, with profit to themselves.

There is no man living who can say that John Donald Munroe spoke ill of his kind; if he could say naught of good or praise, his lips were sealed.

His example of good deeds for the good of others, following as he saw it the way of the Master, was one by which we may pattern, and deep down in his heart was firmly rooted a profound reverence and an abiding faith in the love and goodness of an All-Wise Father, so that when his summons came, we who knew and loved him well believe that he entered with perfect peace into the presence of his Commander.

The following letter of sympathy was received from the Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of New York:

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Jan. 12, 1911.

To R. E. J. ALBERT BLAKE.

My dear Frater: The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is assured of the fraternal sympathy of the Grand Commandery of New York which has been apprised of the death of Past Grand Commander

JOHN DONALD MUNROE

For the third time within a few months has Massachusetts and Rhode Island been called upon to utter the farewell which dims the eyes and makes sore the heart. Yet the end of this honored frater's life seems like the golden twilight of a glorious summer's day.

There must have been with him from its earliest hours to its quiet dusk, that beauty of character and dignity of purpose which so illumined his presence and example that admiration deepened into affection, and companionship rose into discipleship that, like the Master, gave freely and richly of himself to his brother man. A noble life—a transfiguring death, crowned by a triumphant welcome—can be ascribed to him and described of him. The pen cannot portray, neither the imagination conceive, the glorious welcome of the King. But he sought it in life and now knows it in all its endless perfection. So separation becomes satisfaction, and earth's sorrow is tuned into Heaven's song.

Very courteously yours,

WARREN C. HUBBARD,
Grand Prelate.

EDMUND C. SHEPARDSON, Past Commander of Athol Commandery, No. 37, was born in Royalston, Mass., December 2, 1847, and came to Athol to make his home about 1880, passing away October 30, 1910.

From the establishment of the business of the L. S. Starrett Co. until his death, Mr. Shepardson was connected with the company and held various positions of trust and advancement.

Em. Sir Shepardson served the First Worcester District as its representative to the General Court in 1902 and 1903, two terms.

He was raised in Star Lodge May 10, 1869, and, after service in the various subordinate offices, was Master 1890 and 1891. Exalted in Union Royal Arch Chapter February 5, 1889, and served as High Priest in 1892.

Knighthood in Athol Commandery February 20, 1890, and served as Commander in 1896 and 1897.

Em. Sir Shepardson was a true friend and a most loyal Mason.

Em. Sir SAMUEL EDWARD HATHAWAY, Past Commander of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, Knights Templars, No. 25.

Past Thrice Illustrious of Fall River Counsel, Royal and Select Masters.

Past High Priest of Fall River Royal Arch Chapter, and Past Master of King Philip Lodge, F. & A. M., of Fall River, Mass.

Born in Fall River November 3, 1865. Died November 16, 1910, at the age of forty-five years, thirteen days.

Em. Sir WILLIAM PATTERSON of Cœur de Lion Commandery, died at his home in Dresden, Maine, on November 28, aged eighty-two years, eight months, fifteen days.

Although, on account of his residence in another State and his advanced age, he has been unable to meet with us in our Asylum in recent years, yet there has always been in his heart an abiding love for the body whom he regarded as his own child, for, verily, to the Sir Knights of Cœur de Lion he was as a father to us all.

It was he who first advanced the idea, thirty-nine years ago, of forming a Commandery of Knights Templars in Charlestown. It was he who gathered around him that small but earnest band of loyal workers as petitioners for the organization of this Commandery. It was he who, after the Charter had been granted, became its first Generalissimo and its second Eminent Commander, and it was he, though the sickle of death had reaped widely among his successors in office, had the joy to see that body which he had created grow and develop into this Cœur De Lion Commandery of today, and as he passed

into the great beyond he well merited praise of his fraters and of it being said, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

William Patterson was born in Dresden, Maine, on March 13, 1828. His boyhood and early manhood were spent in that town and there he received his early education. Leaving his home in 1850, he entered the regular army, and his great merits so attracted the praise and attention of his superior officers that he quickly became an officer in the U. S. Regular Cavalry, serving seven years as such and seeing service for the larger part of that time against Indian tribes in Texas and along the Mexican boundary line.

He resigned from the army in 1857, and came to Boston; accepted the position of Deputy Master of the Suffolk County House of Correction, serving as such for five years. Immediately following this, he was connected with the United States Internal Revenue Service for many years, after which he engaged in a general merchandise business, which business he followed until 1898, when, on account of failing health, he returned to his old home in Dresden, Maine, where he has since lived up to the time of death. Though afflicted with the usual infirmities consequent upon his advanced age, yet his life would have undoubtedly been further prolonged but for a severe accident occurring two weeks before his death, and his infirmities preventing a surgical operation, he gradually lost consciousness and peacefully passed away on Monday, November 28.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, November 30, in Dresden, Maine, among the scenes of his boyhood and surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Our deceased frater early evinced great interest in Masonry and was a firm believer in its tenets and principles.

He received the degree of Master Mason in Henry Price Lodge, Charlestown, Mass., October 12, 1864. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Royal Arch Chapter of the Shekinah, Chelsea, Mass., February 28, 1867, afterwards dimitting from the same to become a Charter Member of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Signet in Charlestown, Mass., in 1868.

He was knighted in Palestine Commandery, K. T., Chelsea, Mass., May 1, 1867, rising through the various grades to the office of Generalissimo, afterwards dimitting to take part in the organizing of Cœur De Lion Commandery in Charlestown, Mass., in 1871, and serving as its Eminent Commander from November, 1874, until November, 1876.

He received the several degrees up to and including the 32d degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Boston in 1867.

He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Apartments in Charlestown, Mass., in 1876 and 1877.

His energy and zeal were indefatigable. He was kind, patient, modest in his ways, with an encouraging word for all.

It is no wonder that he won the deep feeling of love and friendship from his associates, feelings which abided with him and for him until his death.

I feel that I can pay no higher tribute to the memory of our deceased frater, than to quote at this time the following extract from the historical address of Sir John S. Hayes in 1896, on the occasion of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the founding of Cœur De Lion Commandery, and which extract is in direct reference to the work of Eminent Sir William Patterson for Cœur De Lion Commandery.

"It is hardly necessary for me to name the pioneer in the movement which gave us this Commandery; the man who began the agitation and prepared the seed that has brought forth fruit so abundantly; the man who never flagged in his zeal for the cause, and who kindled a flame of enthusiasm in the hearts of those who were associated with him. Let this Commandery always hold in high reverence that Knight of rare courtesy; that Knight of such distinguished modesty that he tried to hide his own personality in the middle of the long list of sixty-three names that graced the petition for a dispensation for a Commandery of Knights Templars in this patriotic city of Charlestown; that Knight who honors this occasion by his presence and who is honored in the hearts of all who hear me, — Eminent Sir William Patterson. Did he know what a temple, what an asylum, he should build? Perhaps not, but

he laid the corner-stone on which others should build! Perhaps not, but by the steadfast, unfaltering knightly faith in his knightly soul."

"Himself from God he could not free,
He builded better than he knew."

EDWARD BAXTER FAIRCHILD, of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 20. Born in Sunderland, Mass., September 15, 1835, son of Curtis and Miranda (Clapp) Fairchild; studied for the ministry at Meadville, Pa., and was ordained at Sterling, Mass., and preached in several places in New England.

In Masonry he was raised in Wilder Lodge, Leominster, Mass., March 24, 1862. He affiliated with Wyoming Lodge, Melrose, April 13, 1868, dimitted in 1876 to become a Charter Member of King Cyrus Lodge, Stoneham, Mass., and served as Chaplain from 1875 to 1900.

Exalted in Waverly Royal Arch Chapter, Melrose, June 26, 1868.

Knighted in Hugh de Payens Commandery, Knights Templars, March 24, 1869, and served as Commander in 1879.

He enlisted in the 34th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers in 1863, and served as Chaplain, resigning to enter the U. S. Sanitary Commission, and served until the close of the war.

In 1859 he married Maria Hasting Smith, who passed away in 1909.

Sir Knight Fairchild was a man of brilliant attainments and endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact; a warm and devoted friend and Templar.

He passed on at Lunenburg, Mass, January 21, 1911, and was buried at Stoneham, Mass.

FRANK FREEMAN PREBLE, of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 20, son of William and Lucy Ann Lambert Preble, was born at Whitefield, Maine, March 21, 1835. His father was a farmer in those early times, took up government land, and cleared it for a home. They were poor, and it was impossible to do much toward the education of his children.

Sir Knight Preble learned to read when he was thirteen years old, after which his desire for an education became so intense that he embraced every opportunity to know more.

He taught country school in the winter of 1853. Prepared for college at Kents Hill and Waterville. At the age of twenty-one went West and located in Keokuk, Ia. Entered the grocery store of S. R. Ricker of Portland, Maine. The financial crash of 1857-8 drove them out of business. In the winter of 1858 taught school in Keokuk; in the fall of 1859 he took charge of grammar school at Warsaw, Ill.

In the Civil War he enlisted in 7th Missouri Cavalry as Lieutenant, Co. B., and was appointed Adjutant; was taken prisoner at Independence, Mo., 1862; paroled and mustered out of service, 1862.

Returning east, entered the Chapman School, East Boston, 1863; elected sub-master of Chapman School, 1864. Elected sub-master of Adams School in 1875, as master and continued in that office until September 10, 1910, when he resigned.

In Masonry: He was made a Mason in Massachusetts Lodge, Boston, March 20, 1875. Exalted in St. Paul Chapter, Boston, June 22, 1875. Received Royal and Select Masters' degrees in East Boston Council in 1877, and the Orders of Knighthood in Hugh de Payens Commandery June 13, 1883; and became its Commander September 11, 1889.

He married at Galesburg, Ill., October 10, 1869, to Miss Sophronia Webb of Waldoboro, Me. Sir Knight Preble passed away at his home suddenly February 14, 1911. He was held in high esteem by his fraters as a cordial, courteous knight and loyal friend.

CHARLES PERKINS KNOWLTON, Past Eminent Commander of Natick Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templars, on the 30th day of November, 1910, passed through the portals of the West Gate into the City of Rest.

Em. Sir Knight Knowlton was born in East Jaffrey, N.H., September, 1833, and received his education in the public schools.

At the age of seventeen he entered the employ of the old

Boston and Worcester Railroad, and except for three years, from 1861 to 1864, or for the last forty-six years, his service had been continuous. He early established and maintained a reputation for being a careful and safe engineer, and it is remarkable that he never had a serious accident—never had his locomotive figure in a collision, and his engine never took a human life.

Sir Knight Knowlton when retired under the pension system of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company had rounded out more than fifty-six years of honorable railroad service.

After leaving the railroad service he engaged in business in Ashland, Mass., but his health was undermined and for several months he was confined to his home by a complication of diseases which caused him gradually and steadily to fail, until the time came for him to pass into the Eternal Life.

His Masonic career dates from June 13, 1873, when he was raised a Master Mason in Middlesex Lodge, at Framingham, Mass.

Exalted in Concord Royal Arch Chapter, South Framingham, Mass., June 17, 1882, and Knighted in Natick Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templars, May 28, 1883. He was a Charter Member and the first Worshipful Master of Alpha Lodge, of South Framingham, Mass., and served two terms, 1876 to 1878. In October, 1885, he was elected Generalissimo of Natick Commandery, and in October, 1886, he was honored by being elected Eminent Commander, and served the Commandery with marked distinction. He was appointed Associate Prelate in 1896, and on December 12, 1904, was elected Prelate, and had served continuously in that office until the "Angel of Death struck him from the roll of the living."

To those of us who knew him and were associated with him in the work of the Commandery, no word of eulogy is necessary. His whole heart was given to it and he brought a dignity and sincerity to it that was impressive not only to the Pilgrims seeking service, but to all who witnessed it. He was one of God's good men; kindly and courteous in his manner, upright and thoroughly honest in all his dealings with mankind, charitable with the faults of others and ever ready to stretch forth a helping hand to raise and assist a fallen brother.

And like turning the last leaf and silently closing the book, so has our loved and respected companion passed from us, and we may rest assured his memory will flourish in immortal green.

Em. Sir ALFRED G. WILBOR, Past Commander, died on February 20, 1911. He was born in Little Compton R.I., August 31, 1840. He removed to New Bedford when a young man to learn the watchmaker's trade, afterward going into business for himself, which he conducted successfully until his death, a period of nearly fifty years. In connection with this business he conducted a large, wholesale flour business. He was a member of New Bedford Protecting Society for more than forty years, and when he resigned in 1908 was the oldest member, having been a director for many years. He was well known for his business integrity and upright character. He was associated prominently with the Universalist church all his life. He is survived by his widow and one son. His Masonic career is as follows:

Raised in Star in the East Lodge, December 18, 1865. Exalted in Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter, November 23, 1892. Knighted in Sutton Commandery, January 26, 1893. Eminent Commander, 1905. Died at New Bedford, February 20, 1911, aged seventy years, five months.

The funeral service was conducted by Sutton Commandery in accordance with the Ritual.

Em. Sir SUMNER BAGLEY, of Cyprus Commandery, died April 8, 1911. Born in Dorchester, Mass., September 14, 1839. Made a Master Mason in Orient Lodge, Norwood, Mass., in 1865, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1887-1888. Member of Hebron Royal Arch Chapter of Norwood and was a Past High Priest of that Body.

Member of Hyde Park Council of Royal and Select Masters. Knighted in Cyprus Commandery, May 25, 1893, and served as its Eminent Commander in 1906 and 1907. He was highly esteemed as a man and Mason in his community and deemed

as one of the best informed Masons in his district. He died at his home in Norwood of heart failure, April 8, 1911. His funeral took place at Norwood Universalist Church, Tuesday, April 11, 1911, under the direction of Cyprus Commandery, Knights Templars.

Em. Sir LEMUEL B. FIELD, of Northampton Commandery, No. 30, died at his home in Leeds about six o'clock Sunday, aged seventy-eight. He had been in failing health for more than a year. He had been a resident of Northampton forty-seven years and was a highly esteemed and greatly respected citizen and held a position of trust and responsibility with the Nonotuck Silk Company at Florence, being the superintendent of lumber and construction work. Mr. Field was born in Whately, July 28, 1832, the son of John and Abigail Warner Field. He served an apprenticeship in the carpenter's trade to Frank Graves of Whately, and after reaching his majority, went to Allegan, Mich. He remained in Michigan a few years, and, returning to the East, bought a millwright establishment in Hatfield, where he lived until 1864. In that year he entered the employ of the Nonotuck Silk Company as master builder, and moved to Leeds. Mr. Field had great natural aptitude and thorough training for his employment, in which he had ever since continued. He was well liked by all with whom he came in contact and made friends readily in business, social and political relations. In Freemasonry he was steadily advanced in the offices of the various bodies and became Master of Jerusalem Lodge and Commander of Northampton Commandery. He was alderman from Ward 7 in 1894, 1895 and 1896, and a member of the City Improvement Committee for many years. He was married to his first wife, Harriet Lilly of Ashfield, in 1868, and after her death, he married Augusta J. Robbins of Guilford, Me., who survives him. Besides his widow, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lilla Hannum of Hartford, and two nieces of Mrs. Field, Misses Netta and Hilda Greeley, are members of his household.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF U. S. OF AMERICA

V. E. Sir WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and Past Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of California. Born January 16, 1855. Died October 3, 1910.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

WILLIAM W. LUMPKIN, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery of South Carolina. Born February 14, 1849. Died March 13, 1910.

JACOB THOMAS BARRON, First Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of South Carolina. Born May 20, 1854. Died September 16, 1910.

OTIS LITTLE KEENE, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Florida. Born May 23, 1830. Died September 25, 1910.

JOHN MILTON HODSON, Past Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of Oregon. Born August 24, 1839. Died October 9, 1910.

SAMUEL BURKE SWEET, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Indiana. Born March 25, 1845. Died October 12, 1910.

STEPHEN P. SANDS, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Ohio. Born February 23, 1844. Died October 27, 1910.

JOHN JAMES HENRY, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of New Jersey. Born April 12, 1848. Died November 12, 1910.

HENRY CLAY ADAMS, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Indiana. Born April 8, 1844. Died November 14, 1910.

HENRY M. ROMBERGER, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Mississippi. Died November 16, 1910.

DAVID WATHERUP CLEMENTS, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Iowa. Born July 9, 1846. Died November 16, 1910.

FRED HEMMINGWAY WALDRON, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Connecticut. Born March 14, 1840. Died November 20, 1910.

JOHN CALVIN POSTLETHWAITE, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Kansas. Born August 22, 1848. Died November 26, 1910.

JOHN W. ELLIS, Past Grand Prelate, Grand Commander of Arkansas. Born December 29, 1839. Died November 30, 1910.

DANIEL S. DANFORTH, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Vermont. Born May 27, 1848. Died December 7, 1910.

JOHN CORSON SMITH, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Illinois. Born February 13, 1832. Died December 31, 1910.

EDGAR S. DUDLEY, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Nebraska. Born June 14, 1845. Died January 9, 1911.

WILLIAM B. WILSON, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Michigan. Born October 2, 1829. Died January 24, 1911.

ROBERT LAIRD MCCORMICK, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Minnesota. Born October 29, 1847. Died February 5, 1911.

JAMES MCCAIN, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of New Jersey. Born May 17, 1847. Died February 7, 1911.

FREDERIC SPEED, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Mississippi. Born September 22, 1841. Died March 10, 1911.

WALTER VAIL, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Indiana. Born August 21, 1846. Died April 13, 1911.

GENERAL ORDERS

General Order No. 3 was issued in conformity with the request of the Committee on Christmas Observance of the Grand Encampment of the United States and is as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
15 GRACE STREET, MALDEN, MASS.

November 1, 1910.

J. ALBERT BLAKE, *Grand Commander*.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.

SERIES 1910-1911.

To all Knights Templars within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery:

I. The following sentiment has been prepared by the Committee on Christmas Observance of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America:

TO OUR MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER,

WILLIAM BROMWELL MELISH:

May his administration be fortunate, and may our Brotherhood fully realize our mission: To feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted in the name of our Lord and Master, Immanuel, whose birth we celebrate.

II. The Grand Master sends the following response:

The sentiment proposed is unconsciously in line with what has been in my mind for weeks. While it is true, that, with most of us, the Spirit of Christmas broods and sings of happy, hopeful, helpful things, all for you and me; it is also true there are thousands who are needy and whose necessities appeal to us, and some of these are undoubtedly those left near and dear to our departed fraters.

I call upon each Grand Commander to ask each Commandery in his Jurisdiction to make notable the 1910 celebration of the birth of Him who is our Great Exemplar by the giving, as a Commandery, or by voluntary contributions collected by each Commandery of its individual Knights, of a special offering of thankfulness and love, in the spirit of the Master, to the destitute widows and helpless orphans of departed fraters, or to Masonic Homes, Children's Homes, or to any charitable organization that reaches the helpless poor at Christmas time.

If my beloved fraters will but do this, I will appreciate their compliance with the spirit of the toast proposed to me as Grand Master much more than any personal compliment shown me by letter, message or telegram.

Our thoughts will go out at the happy Christmas time to each Templar in the land, wishing him Joy in all his Deeds and Days, wishing him Time for the Task, Wisdom for the Work, Peace for the Pathway, Friends for the Fireside, and Love to the Last.

III. The Committee requests all true Templars and their friends, wheresoever dispersed, on land or sea, to join in these sentiments on Monday, December the 26th, at noon, Eastern Standard time.

IV. It will be gratifying to the Grand Commander to have the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction, assembled in their Asylums, their homes or wherever they may be, join in the sentiment prepared by the Committee and in wishing the Grand Master a joyous and happy Christmas as a mark of their respect and love for the Grand Master.

V. This Order will be borne upon the notice of the Stated Conclave next preceding December 25, A.D. 1910, A.O. 792, and be read at the head of each Commandery at said Conclave.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, this 1st day of November, A.D. 1910, A.O. 792.

J. ALBERT BLAKE,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

[SEAL] B. W. ROWELL,
Grand Recorder.

The receipt of beautiful sentiments and tokens of friendship incidental to and commemorative of the celebration of the birthday of the Great Leader of our Salvation, together with the spontaneous and brotherly feeling which prompted the sending, are gratefully acknowledged. The growth of the Christmas observance among the Commanderies of this Jurisdiction is marked and commendable. Sir Knights, let us keep the faith.

General Order No. 1 was issued November 1, 1910, giving the assignments for the official inspections as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE
APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
15 GRACE STREET, MALDEN, MASS.

November 1, 1910, A.O. 792.

J. ALBERT BLAKE, *Grand Commander.*

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.
SERIES 1910-1911.

1. The several Commanderies within this Jurisdiction are assigned for official inspection as follows:

To V. Em. Sir LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR, <i>Deputy Grand Commander.</i>	{ Calvary, No. 13. Old Colony, No. 15. Winslow Lewis, No. 18. Natick, No. 33. Saint George, No. 44.
To Em. Sir FRANK L. NAGLE, <i>Grand Generalissimo.</i>	{ Boston, No. 2. Washington, No. 4. Worcester County, No. 5. Sutton, No. 16. Cyprus, No. 39.
To Em. Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON, <i>Grand Captain General.</i>	{ Springfield, No. 6. St. Bernard, No. 12. Bethany, No. 17. Connecticut Valley, No. 23.
To Em. Sir WALTER F. MEDDING, <i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>	{ DeMolay, No. 7. Palestine, No. 10. Haverhill, No. 14. Hugh de Payens, No. 20.

To Em.: Sir FREDERICK I. DANA <i>Grand Junior Warden.</i>	{ Saint Johns, No. 1. Sepulchre, No. 8. Pilgrim, No. 9. Saint Omer, No. 21.
To Em.: Sir SAMUEL D. SHERWOOD, <i>Grand Standard Bearer.</i>	{ Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25. Narragansett, No. 27. Saint Paul, No. 40.
To Em.: Sir WILLIAM H. EMERSON, <i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>	{ Newburyport, No. 3. Woonsocket, No. 24. Bristol, No. 29.
To Em.: Sir HENRY H. LITCHFIELD, <i>Grand Lecturer.</i>	{ Berkshire, No. 22. South Shore, No. 31. Athol, No. 37.
To Em.: Sir WILLIAM J. BOLTON, <i>Grand Lecturer.</i>	{ Jerusalem, No. 19. Olivet, No. 36. Ivanhoe, No. 46.
To Em.: Sir EVERETT C. BENTON, <i>Grand Lecturer.</i>	{ Milford, No. 11. Joseph Warren, No. 26. Gethsemane, No. 35.
To Em.: Sir ARTHUR W. BECKFORD, <i>Grand Lecturer.</i>	{ Northampton, No. 30. Cœur de Lion, No. 34. Bethlehem, No. 43.
To Em.: Sir FRANK T. PEARCE, <i>Grand Lecturer.</i>	{ William Parkman, No. 28. Trinity, No. 32. Bay State, No. 38.
To Em.: Sir ISAAC CHASE, <i>Grand Lecturer.</i>	{ Beauseant, No. 41. Cambridge, No. 42. Orange, No. 45.

2. All inspections are to be made prior to July 1, 1911.

3. Eminent Commanders are directed to cause to be sent to this office immediate information of the death of a Past Commander or officer of their respective Commanderies, together with such a sketch of his Masonic history as can be obtained.

4. Eminent Commanders are ordered to have all rituals of the Order, entrusted to the officers of their Commanderies, presented to the inspecting officer when called for. Inspecting officers are directed to make official report of any failure to comply with this order at once.

5. The Eminent Commander of each Commandery will ascertain before the visit of the inspecting officer the actual number of uniforms owned by the Sir Knights of his

Commandery. Definite report of the same is to be made to the inspecting officer.

6. Eminent Commanders will cause to be sent to the R.:E.:Grand Commander, the inspecting officer assigned to their Commanderies, and to the Grand Recorder a notice of each Conclave of their respective Commanderies during this Templar year.

7. The drill of Commanderies must be in accordance with tactics laid down in "Grant's Tactics."

8. This order will be read at the head of each Commandery at the first Stated Conclave after its receipt.

J. ALBERT BLAKE,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
[SEAL] *Grand Recorder.*

We also received General Orders Nos. 1 and 2 from M.:E.: Sir William Bromwell Melish, Grand Master, as follows:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM BROMWELL MELISH, *Grand Master.*

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

To All Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of, and Holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Greeting:

KNOW YE, That in conformity to a custom heretofore approved by this Grand Encampment, we have established districts for visitation hereinafter enumerated, and we hereby announce the appointment of the following named Sir Knights, to whom commissions have been issued, as our representatives in the respective districts to which each is assigned, charging them with the duty of visiting at their convenience the Grand Commandery, or the Subordinate Commandery holding charters or dispensations immediately under this Grand Encampment which are located in their respective districts, inspecting said bodies, and reporting to us upon such matters as may seem to them important.

- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ALABAMA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir E. GEORGE DELAP, *Past Grand Commander*,
Natchez, Miss.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ARIZONA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir JAMES H. WROTH, *Grand Commander*,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ARKANSAS, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir WILBUR F. FOSTER, *Past Grand Commander*,
Nashville, Tenn.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF CALIFORNIA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir CURTIS B. WINN, *Past Grand Commander*,
Albany, Oregon.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, *Past Grand Commander*,
Ellsworth, Kansas.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF CONNECTICUT, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir GEO. W. CURRIER, *Past Grand Commander*,
Nashua, N.H.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, *Past Grand Commander*,
Baltimore, Md.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir ERNEST A. CUTTS, *Past Grand Commander*,
Savannah, Ga.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF GEORGIA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir IRVING E. WEBSTER, *Past Grand Commander*,
Gainesville, Fla.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF IDAHO, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir JAMES M. RUMSEY, *Past Grand Commander*,
Rawlins, Wyoming.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS, to which is assigned
V. E. Sir HUTSON B. COLMAN, *Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment*,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir WM. T. MCLEAN, *Past Grand Commander*,
Sidney, Ohio.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIAN TERRITORY, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir EDWIN CHAMBERLAIN, *Past Grand Commander*,
San Antonio, Texas.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF IOWA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir WM. P. KENNY, *Past Grand Commander*,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KANSAS, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir GEORGE W. VALLERY, *Grand Commander*,
Denver, Colorado.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir LEWIS N. TAVENNER, *Past Grand Commander*,
Parkersburg, W.Va.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF LOUISIANA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir CHARLES R. PATTERSON, *Past Grand Commander*,
Birmingham, Ala.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MAINE, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir W. H. H. SOULE, *Past Grand Commander*,
Brookline (Boston), Mass.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MARYLAND, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir THOMAS P. MORGAN, *Past Grand Commander*,
Washington, D.C.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir I. LAYTON REGISTER, *Past Grand Commander*,
Camden, New Jersey.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN, to which is assigned
V. E. Sir L. P. NEWBY, *Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment*,
Knightstown, Indiana.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MINNESOTA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, *Past Grand Commander*,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSISSIPPI, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir RICHARD LAMBERT, *Past Grand Commander*,
New Orleans, La.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSOURI, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir HOLMAN G. PURINTON, *Past Grand Commander*,
Chicago, Illinois.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MONTANA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir ANDREW J. STADE, *Grand Commander*,
Devil's Lake, North Dakota.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEBRASKA, to which is assigned
V. E. Sir J. W. CHAMBERLIN, *Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment*,
St. Paul, Minn.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir GEORGE O. TYLER, *Past Grand Commander*,
Burlington, Vt.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEW JERSEY, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir WM. W. ALLEN, *Past Grand Commander*,
Philadelphia, Pa.

- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEW MEXICO, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir FREDERIC G. BRECHT, *Past Grand Commander*,
Phoenix, Arizona.
- THE COMMANDERIES IN NEVADA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir J. BENSON LEGGATT, *Past Grand Commander*,
Butte, Montana.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEW YORK, to which is assigned
V. E. Sir FREDERICK C. THAYER, *Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment*,
Waterville, Me.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA, to which is assigned
V. E. Sir HENRY M. BOYKIN, *Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment*,
Richmond, Va.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH DAKOTA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir CROMWELL BOWEN, *Past Grand Commander*,
Des Moines, Iowa.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF OHIO, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir ARTHUR MACARTHUR, *Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment*,
Troy, N.Y.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir CHARLES E. ROSENBAUM, *Past Grand Commander*,
Little Rock, Arkansas.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF OREGON, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir JOHN G. CAMPBELL, *Grand Commander*,
Tacoma, Washington.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir FRANK H. JOHNSON, *Past Grand Commander*,
Louisville, Kentucky.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, to which is assigned
V. E. Sir JOSEPH K. ORR, *Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment*,
Atlanta, Georgia.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF SOUTH DAKOTA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir CHARLES B. FINCH, *Past Grand Commander*,
Kearney, Nebraska.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF TENNESSEE, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir JAMES B. BLANKS, *Past Grand Commander*,
Petersburg, Virginia.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF TEXAS, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir WILLIAM L. EAGLETON, *Past Grand Commander*,
Pawnee, Oklahoma.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF UTAH, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir JAMES A. PINNEY, *Past Grand Commander*,
Boise, Idaho.

- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir EUGENE A. HALL, *Grand Commander*,
Meriden, Connecticut.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF VIRGINIA, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir GEORGE T. BRYAN, *Grand Commander*,
Greenville, South Carolina.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF WASHINGTON, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir CHARLES L. FIELD, *Past Grand Commander*,
San Francisco, California.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF WEST VIRGINIA, to which is assigned
V. E. Sir LEE S. SMITH, *Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment*,
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF WISCONSIN, to which is assigned
R. E. Sir GIB. W. CARSON, *Past Grand Commander*,
St. Louis, Missouri.
- THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF WYOMING, to which is assigned
V. E. Sir JACOB H. EPPERSON, *Deputy Grand Commander*,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Subordinate Commanderies under the Grand Encampment will be under the direct supervision of the Grand Master. This order is to be in force until November 1, 1911, only. Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, in the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, this first day of November, A.D. 1910, A.O. 792.

WM. B. MELISH,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:
[SEAL] JOHN A. GEROW,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

M. E. Sir WILLIAM BROMWELL MELISH, *Grand Master.*

GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.

To All Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of, and Holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Greeting:

It is the intention of the Grand Master to absent himself from the United States from April 15 to June 15, 1911, in attendance upon the Conclaves of the Great Priory of England

and Wales, and the Great Priory of Scotland, to be held in London, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, during the month of May, 1911.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, the Deputy Grand Master will act as Acting Grand Master of the Grand Encampment from April 15, 1911, to June 15, 1911. All communications, during the above mentioned period, should be addressed to R. E. Sir Arthur MacArthur, Deputy Grand Master, etc., at Troy, New York.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, in the city of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, this sixth day of April, A.D. 1911, A.O. 793.

WM. B. MELISH,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

[SEAL] JOHN A. GEROW,
Grand Recorder.

CIRCULAR LETTERS

Circular Letter No. 1, dated October 26, 1910, announced the Roster of Elections and appointment of Officers and the consolidated returns of Commanderies.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE
APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND RECORDER,
MASONIC TEMPLE, ROOM 206, BOSTON, MASS.,
October 26, 1910, A.O. 792.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1.
SERIES 1910-1911.

The following-named officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island were duly elected and installed to serve for the ensuing Templar year at the One Hundred and Fifth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Boston, Mass., October 26, A.D. 1910, A.O. 792.

Sir J. ALBERT BLAKE, Malden, Mass. . . . R. E. Grand Commander
Sir LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR, Watertown, Mass.,
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander
Sir FRANK L. NAGLE, Newtonville, Mass. . . Em. Grand Generalissimo
Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON, Worcester, Mass., Em. Grand Captain General
Sir WALTER F. MEDDING, Malden, Mass. . . Em. Grand Senior Warden
Sir FREDERICK I. DANA, Providence, R.I. . . Em. Grand Junior Warden
Sir REV. R. PERRY BUSH, Chelsea, Mass. . . . Em. Grand Prelate
Sir HERBERT F. MORSE, Roxbury, Mass. . . . Em. Grand Treasurer
Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL, Lynn, Mass. . . . Em. Grand Recorder
(P.O. Address, 206 Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.)
Sir SAMUEL D. SHERWOOD, Springfield, Mass., Em. Grand Standard Bearer
Sir WILLIAM H. EMERSON, Brockton, Mass., Em. Grand Sword Bearer
Sir R. WALTER HILLIARD, Cambridge, Mass. . . . Em. Grand Warder
Sir HARRY G. POLLARD, Lowell, Mass., . . . Em. Grand Captain of Guard
Sir HENRY H. LITCHFIELD, Plymouth, Mass. . . }
Sir WILLIAM J. BOLTON, Athol, Mass. . . . }
Sir EVERETT C. BENTON, Belmont, Mass. . . } Em. Grand Lecturers
Sir FRANK T. PEARCE, Providence, R.I. . . . }
Sir ISAAC CHASE, Cambridge, Mass. . . . }
Sir ARTHUR W. BECKFORD, Danvers, Mass. . . }

Committee on Foreign Correspondence

E. Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL, Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.

The consolidated returns of Commanderies show:

<i>Gains</i>		<i>Losses</i>	
Created during the year . . .	896	Dimitted	126
Admitted	29	Died	332
Restored	6	Suspended	109
		Expelled	7
	931		574

Making a net gain of 357.

The total membership, October 26, 1910, 16,888.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of this Grand Commandery the day and year above written.

The Semi-annual Conclave will be held in the city of Providence, R.I., in May, A.D. 1911, A.O. 793.

B. W. ROWELL,

[SEAL]

Grand Recorder.

Address: Room 206, Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.

Circular Letter No. 2, dated March 15, 1911, is as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE
APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
MALDEN, MASS., MARCH 15, 1911.

JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, *Grand Commander.*

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 2.
SERIES 1910-1911.

*To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of the
several Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of Massa-
chusetts and Rhode Island:*

Sir Knights: Your attention is called to the following action taken by the Grand Commandery at its Annual Session in October, 1910, relative to a Testimonial to the memory of Most Eminent Sir and Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D.D., Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States.

WHEREAS, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States of America, at its Thirty-first Triennial Conclave, holden in Chicago, Ill., August, 1910, did by resolution establish a fund, to be known as the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is eminently proper and fitting that this Grand Commandery and the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction should express in some suitable manner its high appreciation of the services of our beloved frater in promoting the best interests of Templar Masonry, not only throughout this Jurisdiction, but also throughout the Jurisdiction of the Knights Templars in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Commandery at the aforesaid Annual Conclave did by resolution appoint a Committee to solicit and receive subscriptions to the fund from the subordinate Commanderies of this Jurisdiction, it is earnestly hoped and desired that the several Commanderies and their members may in compliance with this vote of Grand Commandery contribute from their fund, or by personal subscription, such sums of money as they may deem proper, that the appreciation of this Grand Jurisdiction for the merit and worth of this beloved frater may be by this memorial continued for all time. The several Commanders in this Jurisdiction are earnestly requested to impress upon the members of their several commands the importance of this worthy object, and forward at as early date as possible such subscriptions to the Grand Treasurer, R. E. Sir HERBERT F. MORSE, 479 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. Sir J. ALBERT BLAKE, Grand Commander,
V. E. Sir LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR, Deputy Grand Commander,
E. Sir FRANK L. NAGLE, Grand Generalissimo,
E. Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON, Grand Captain-General,
Committee.

It is hereby ordered that this letter be read at the head of each Commandery at the next Conclave after its receipt.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Commandery this tenth day of March, A.D. 1911, A.O. 793.

J. ALBERT BLAKE,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
[SEAL] *Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Treasurer will report the condition of the fund later in the day.

QUINCY COMMANDERY NO. 47, U.D.

Under date of January 19, 1911, I received the following communication from South Shore Commandery, No. 31:

J. ALBERT BLAKE, ESQ., *Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Boston, Mass.:*

Right Eminent and Dear Sir: At a regular conclave of South Shore Commandery, No. 31, Knights Templar, held on the evening of January 9, 1911, the following resolves were presented for action:

WHEREAS, The Knights Templars in good standing resident in Quincy, Mass., having petitioned the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templars of Massachusetts for a dispensation to form and open a Commandery in the city of Quincy, Mass., with concurrent jurisdiction over Braintree, Mass., to be known as Quincy Commandery, No. 47, or such other name as may be approved by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, now therefore,

Be it Resolved, That in the opinion of South Shore Commandery, No. 31, located at Weymouth, Mass., good reasons exist for the organization of a Commandery to be located at Quincy, Mass., with concurrent jurisdiction over Braintree, and it is hereby

Voted, That South Shore Commandery, No. 31, recommend to the Right Eminent Grand Commander that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

By a vote of the Commandery the above resolves were adopted.

Courteously and very truly yours,

ARTHUR W. BURR,
Eminent Commander.

ATTEST:

EBEN H. CAIN,
[SEAL] *Recorder.*

The request for a Commandery in Quincy having been officially brought to my attention, and the petition from the Sir Knights of Quincy duly placed in my hands, after a careful investigation and examination of the quarters engaged by the petitioners, and believing it for the best interest of Templar Masonry, I decided to grant the prayer of the petitioners and on February 20, I caused to be issued a Dispensation, under the name of Quincy Commandery, No. 47, U.D., located in Quincy, Mass., and on the evening of Wednesday, March 29, I delivered the Dispensation in person.

In accordance with our Templar Law, this Dispensation expires today by limitation, and some action of this Grand Commandery is necessary and desirable.

Under ordinary conditions I would recommend the continuance of the Dispensation until the Annual Conclave in October next, but because of the very flattering conditions attending this Commandery in that today they have membership of one hundred eighty-one original petitioners, twenty accepted candidates upon whom the Order of the Red Cross has been conferred, two candidates for the Orders, and one for membership, I would therefore recommend that a charter be granted them under the name of Quincy Commandery, No. 47, located in Quincy, Mass., with jurisdiction over the city of Quincy.

In the matter of concurrent jurisdiction over the town of Braintree granted them by the vote of South Shore Commandery during the life of the Dispensation, January 9, 1911, I would recommend its reference to a committee of five to report to this Grand Commandery at the Annual Conclave in October, 1911.

The following communication was received from South Shore Commandery, viz.:

EASTER SUNDAY.

General Order No. 4 authorized Commanderies to attend religious service at Easter and is as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE
APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
MALDEN, MASS., March 15, 1911.

JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, *Grand Commander.*

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4.
SERIES 1910-1911.

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery:

Greeting: Many Commanderies have, for several years past, observed the festival of Easter by attendance at Church and have requested authority to continue their custom.

Believing the profession Christian Knighthood should lead us to join with the Christian Church in religious services calculated to express our gratitude for the never-failing Love and Mercy insured to us by our Crucified and Risen Saviour,

I, by virtue of the power in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, do hereby grant and publish this, my Dispensation, to the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction, to parade on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1911, in full Templar uniform, with banners and without music, for the purpose of attending divine service.

Due and proper return will be made to me of the action had under this authority within thirty days of its acceptance and this Dispensation filed in the Archives of the Commandery, and SPREAD IN FULL UPON ITS RECORDS.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery this 15th day of March, A.D. 1911, A.O. 793.

J. ALBERT BLAKE,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
[SEAL] *Grand Recorder.*

The thirty days given in which to make return not having elapsed, I cannot give the exact number of Commanderies who availed themselves of the privilege of this order. Sufficient

returns have been received to assure me that the observance of Easter is becoming more and more the custom of our Commanderies. I trust that in the near future every Commandery in the Jurisdiction will see the propriety of this observance, and by church attendance place themselves under the influences and partake of the joyousness which comes to us in the belief of a Risen Christ.

March 29, 1911, I received the following communication from South Shore Commandery, No. 31, and as it seemed to involve an invasion of jurisdiction, I decided to refer it to a special committee consisting of Em. Sirs Thomas W. Davis of Saint Bernard Commandery, B. W. Rowell of Olivet Commandery and J. Gilman Waite of Boston Commandery.

I am informed that their report will not be ready at this Semi-Annual Conclave.

SOUTH SHORE COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
WEYMOUTH, MASS.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, 18 SUMMER STREET, BOSTON,
March 29, 1911.

J. ALBERT BLAKE, *Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

Right Eminent and Dear Sir: I am directed by the Eminent Commander of South Shore Commandery (Em. Sir Arthur W. Burr), to call your attention to the fact that DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 7, located in Boston, Mass., did on the date of their regular Conclave in June, 1910, confer the honors of Knighthood upon one Ross Vroom, who on filling out his petition, gave his residence as No. 419 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. The above mentioned address is where the said party, Vroom, spends a portion of three days a week in the practice of his profession, dentistry; the balance of the week is spent in Hingham, Mass., where he also has an office. Ross Vroom has been a resident (with his wife and family) in the town of Hingham for the past two years, although he has paid a poll tax in the city of Boston.

I trust that you will consider this matter worthy of attention, and awaiting your pleasure, I remain,

Courteously yours,

EBEN H. CAIN,
Recorder.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

December 7, 1910, to Old Colony Commandery, No. 15, to change the hour of the regular December Conclave on December 26, 1910, from 7.30 o'clock P.M., to 11.00 o'clock A.M., good cause having been shown.

January 19, 1911, to Bethlehem Commandery, No. 43, to hold a Special Conclave in the State Armory at Gloucester, Mass., on January 20, 1911, for the purpose of celebrating Union Masons' Ladies' Night. Also to appear in full Templar uniform with banners and without music.

February 2, 1911, to Newburyport Commandery, No. 3, to enter the Jurisdiction of New Hampshire and pay a fraternal visit to Hugh de Payens Commandery of Keene, N.H., on June 24, 1911, and to parade with banners and music on that day.

February 2, 1911, to Orange Commandery, No. 45, to appear in full regalia at a Masonic Ball, on Friday, February 3, 1911, in the Town of Orange, Mass., and to have a short drill by twelve Sir Knights in full regalia.

April 6, 1911, to Milford Commandery, No. 11, to parade on Sunday, April 23, in full regalia with banners, without music, to attend divine service at the Methodist Episcopal Church of Milford, Mass.

April 28, 1911, to Narragansett Commandery, No. 27, to parade with music and banners to meet and accompany Columbian Commandery, No. 4, of Norwich, Conn., on its pilgrimage to Narragansett Commandery, on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 3, 1911, and also to attend a Special Service in honor of the occasion in Grace Methodist Church, Sunday evening, May 21, 1911, without music and banners.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

To one Commandery to attend church service with banners.

INSPECTIONS

The official inspections are nearly completed, and in the main with satisfactory results.

In the semi-annual address of 1910, my immediate predecessor, R. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham, called our attention

to the necessity of a change in our methods of Inspection, in order that while the sociability of the event might be retained we should not forget that the Inspection was required by Templar Law, and that ample time for that business should be provided. Early in the Templar year I called a meeting of the inspecting officers and, after considering the subject from the many view-points, we arrived at a conclusion that a preliminary examination by the Inspecting Officer, without attendance other than the Deputy Grand Warder, an occasion at which time the full exemplification of the ritual of the Order could be witnessed under more favorable conditions, and again the Commandery could be opened in full form. This method has been carried out and every Commandery, with one exception, has opened in full form in the presence of the Inspecting Officers. In fact, in many Commanderies the opening in full form has been adopted as a regular occurrence, in that it has added to the pleasure and interest of all present. The Inspecting Officer and Suite have been in full Templar Uniform on all official occasions.

COURTESIES AND VISITS

Many invitations have been received from the different Commanderies, full of expressions of loyalty and good-will, to make fraternal visits, to attend inspections, and those occasions made especially enjoyable by the presence of the Ladies of the Sir Knights. The children's afternoons observed by several Commanderies are entitled to special mention.

I would have been glad to have been present on all of these occasions, and have attended as many as strength and time allowed.

PARADE

Realizing that we are, in our organization and tradition, a semi-military body, uniformed and fully equipped for outdoor movements and display, it seems only a normal condition that Commanderies should desire, on convenient occasions, to display their banners on the street, and to enjoy the communion that comes to kindred spirits from this fraternal association. It has been the custom for many years for Commanderies to

celebrate June 24, the anniversary of our Patron Saint John the Baptist, with excursions and parades, either alone or in company with other Commanderies.

It was suggested to me directly after my installation, by many of the fraters, that a parade of our Grand Commandery in the city of Boston, June 24, 1911, would be a grand affair and of much benefit in many ways.

Desiring to ascertain the wishes of the Commanders, without incurring the cost of a special Conclave, I directed the Inspecting Officers in their preliminary examination to call the matter to the attention of the Eminent Commanders and report the result. Later I called the Eminent Commanders to meet me at Masonic Temple, Boston, to consider the subject. Nearly forty Commanderies were represented, and a large majority expressed themselves in favor of the proposed parade, and I have called this semi-annual Conclave earlier in the month of May than usual in order that if we decide in the affirmative we should have time for the necessary preparations.

I realize that a parade, if held, should receive nearly unanimous support, and as we have had ample time for consideration, I believe we may arrive at a happy decision.

Personally, I favor the parade, and if ordered will give my best efforts for its success. On the contrary, if it does not receive a cordial, hearty and spontaneous support, I would consider it inadvisable. I, therefore, recommend the reference of the question of parade to a special committee of three to report later in the day.

CONCLUSION

Thus, briefly, I have given you a review of the happenings of the past six months of the Templar year.

Permit me, then, to express my thanks for the cordial and hearty support and assistance I have received from all in the performance of my duties, and to ask for your continued confidence and coöperation. I have enjoyed the position of Grand Commander more than words can express.

Courteously and fraternally,

J. ALBERT BLAKE,

Grand Commander.

On motion of R. E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, it was ordered that so much of the address as relates to the Charter for Quincy Commandery, No. 47, U. D., be referred to a special committee to report this day.

That so much as relates to parade of Commanderies, June 24, 1911, be referred to a special committee to report at this Semi-Annual Conclave, and that the remainder of the address be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Very Eminent Grand Commander appointed as the Committee on Parade of Commanderies, R. E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, R. E. Sir Charles I. Litchfield, R. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham, and the Committee on Quincy Commandery, 47, U. D., was named by the Right Eminent Grand Commander as V. E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair, Em. Sir Frank L. Nagle, E. Sir William W. Johnson.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

PROVIDENCE, May 3, 1911.

R. E. Grand Commander:

Your Committee on By-Laws would report that but few amendments have been submitted for approval, and those chiefly relating to increase in salaries of Recorders and annual dues.

We recommend the approval of the amendments submitted by Boston Commandery, Pilgrim Commandery, No. 9, and Winslow Lewis, No. 18, all relating to increase in salaries.

We also recommend the approval of amendment to By-Laws of Natick raising the amount to be paid for annual dues, and the amendment to By-Laws of South Shore Commandery fixing the annual rental of armory lockers.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY HUNT.
EDGAR S. TAFT.

On motion it was voted that the report of the Committee be accepted, the recommendations approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

PROVIDENCE, R.I., May 3, 1911.

The Committee to whom was referred the remainder of the Grand Commander's Annual Address, October 26, 1910, have attended to their duty and beg leave to report.

The Dispensations granted and the Decisions rendered by the Right Eminent Grand Commander appear to have been in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment, and should, therefore, be approved.

The Committee note with sincere regret the peculiar and exceptional record during the year under consideration that it became necessary for the Right Eminent Grand Commander to write obituaries upon the passing of four distinguished and beloved Sir Knights who had been honored by this Grand Commandery with the highest office within their gift, and they desire to commend the thoughtful and courteous memoranda in reference to those distinguished fraters which has been compiled and placed upon our records by the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

The Committee also desire to express their congratulations to the Grand Commandery upon the general prosperity and progress which the Order in this Jurisdiction is making, and with the evident care and knightly interest displayed by the Right Eminent whose term of office expired at the last annual meeting, and to offer their congratulations upon his successful incumbency of the office of Right Eminent Grand Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. STOTT,
JOHN P. SANBORN,
DANA J. FLANDERS,

Committee.

The report was by vote accepted, approved and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE DAY

The Committee of the Day, consisting of Em. Sirs George H. Grant, Frank T. Pearce and Arthur W. Dennis, report that dinner would be served in the banquet hall at one o'clock P.M.

ROLL-CALL

The roll of Commanderies was ordered called by the Grand Recorder, when the following Commanderies were found to be represented, viz.:

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	No. OF COMMANDERY.	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY.
St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.
Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.
Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.
Worcester County.....	5	Worcester, Mass.
Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass.
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.
Milford.....	11	Milford, Mass.
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.
Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.
Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.
Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass.
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.
St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass.
Connecticut Valley.....	23	Greenfield, Mass.
Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.
Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.
William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass.
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.
South Shore.....	31	East Weymouth, Mass.
Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.
Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass.
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass.
Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.
Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.
Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.
Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.
St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass.
Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.
Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.
Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.
Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie over until the Annual Conclave in October, 1911.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

I hereby offer the following amendment to Section 7 of the Constitution of Grand Commandery, namely:

CONCLAVES. SECTION 7. Strike out in the second line "and May of each year; in the second and third lines "and place," and in the third line the words "in October," and in the fifth line all after the word "business" and substitute for the same:

SECTION 7. This Grand Commandery shall hold its Annual Conclave in October of each year at such time as the Presiding Officer shall appoint. The meeting in 1912 shall be held in the city of Boston; in 1913 in the city of Providence, and alternately thereafter in Boston and Providence, for the election of officers and transaction of the annual business. Special Conclaves may be held at the pleasure of the presiding officer, but no business shall be transacted at the Special Conclave save that which was specified in the original notice.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. MORSE.

RECESS

There being no business ready, a recess was ordered until 12.30 o'clock P.M.

The hour of 12.30 having arrived, the Grand Commandery was called to order and business proceeded with.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARADE OF COMMANDERIES IN JUNE, 1911.

PROVIDENCE, May 3, 1911.

In Grand Commandery.

The undersigned members of the Committee to whom was referred the recommendations of the Right Eminent Grand Commander that the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction parade in Boston, June 24, 1911, respectfully report that in their opinion it is inexpedient to hold such parade on account of the brief time for preparation and the large expense attending the same.

CHARLES I. LITCHFIELD.
WALTER W. BURNHAM.

R. E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey rendered a verbal minority report as follows:

That the recommendation of the Right Eminent Grand Commander relating to parade of Commanderies on June 24, 1911, be approved and adopted, provided that a sufficient number of Commanderies will participate to make the event a success.

On motion of Em. Sir Edgar S. Taft that the report of the majority of the Committee be accepted and their recommendations be approved, was upon vote declared carried, and the majority report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUINCY COMMANDERY

PROVIDENCE, R.I., May 3, 1911.

In Grand Commandery.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Your Committee appointed to consider the question of granting a Charter at this Conclave to Quincy Commandery, No. 47, U. D., respectfully report that they have duly con-

sidered the question in its various aspects, have conferred with the Eminent Commander of Quincy Commandery, U. D., and find that the interests of Templar Masonry will be better promoted by a continuance of said dispensation until our Annual Conclave in October next.

It appears that Quincy Commandery has not conferred, nor has had time or opportunity to confer, the Order of the Temple; and that, as the matter of jurisdiction is to be settled at our October Conclave, we respectfully recommend that a charter be not granted at this Conclave, but that the dispensation be continued as before set forth.

LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR.
FRANK L. NAGLE.
WILLIAM W. JOHNSON.

On motion the report was accepted and the recommendations therein contained adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER ON THE REV. HENRY W. RUGG MONUMENT AND MEMORIAL FUND

R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse made a verbal report of the amount received on account of the above fund which was accepted as a report of progress.

This One Hundred and Fifth Semi-Annual Conclave was then declared adjourned at 12.50 P.M.

One hundred and ninety-six Sir Knights were registered as being present at this Semi-Annual Conclave.

There being no further business to come before this Semi-Annual Conclave, the Sir Knights joined in their devotions with the Grand Prelate, Em. Sir Rev. R. Perry Bush, who invoked the Divine Blessing; after which Grand Commandery

was adjourned, when all proceeded to the Banquet Hall and enjoyed a genuine Rhode Island Clam Bake that had been provided by the Committee of the Day.



ATTEST:

Wm. C. Powell
Grand Recorder.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
AND APPENDANT ORDERS
OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island assembled in the Asylum (Corinthian Hall) in Masonic Temple, corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets, in the city of Boston, Mass., Thursday, October 26, A.D. 1911, A.O. 793, at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

R. E. Sir J. ALBERT BLAKE Grand Commander
V. E. Sir LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR Deputy Grand Commander
E. Sir FRANK L. NAGLE Grand Generalissimo
E. Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON Grand Captain General
E. Sir WALTER F. MEDDING Grand Senior Warden
E. Sir FREDERICK I. DANA Grand Junior Warden
E. Sir R. PERRY BUSH Grand Prelate

E. Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL	Grand Recorder
E. Sir SAMUEL D. SHERWOOD	Grand Standard Bearer
E. Sir WILLIAM H. EMERSON	Grand Sword Bearer
E. Sir R. WALTER HILLIARD	Grand Warder
E. Sir HARRY G. POLLARD	Grand Captain of Guards
E. Sir HENRY H. LITCHFIELD	Grand Lecturers
E. Sir WILLIAM J. BOLTON	
E. Sir EVERETT C. BENTON	
E. Sir FRANK T. PEARCE	
E. Sir ISAAC CHASE	
E. Sir ARTHUR W. BECKFORD	Grand Sentinel
E. Sir WILLIAM E. WILCOX	

PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT

R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders	R. E. Sir Dana J. Flanders
R. E. Sir George H. Allen	R. E. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett
R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn	R. E. Sir E. Bentley Young
R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule	R. E. Sir Charles I. Litchfield
R. E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey	R. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS PRESENT

V. E. Sir I. Layton Register	of New Jersey
V. E. Sir Jehiel W. Chamberlin	of Minnesota
E. Sir Edward B. Mallett	of Maine
E. Sir Wilmer J. Dorman	of Maine
E. Sir John C. Chase	of North Carolina

The Committee on Credentials reported that a constitutional number of subordinates were represented, whereupon the Grand Commander proceeded to open the Grand Commandery in ample form, assisted by the other Grand Officers and members present, the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by E. Sir Rev. R. Perry Bush, Grand Prelate; after which the Grand Commander, J. Albert Blake, declared the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island duly opened in ample form and ready for the despatch of business.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

R. E. Sir I. Layton Register, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey and the Representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master, was reported as in waiting in the anteroom.

Whereupon the R. E. Grand Commander appointed as a committee under escort of the Grand Lecturer all the Past Grand Commanders, with V. E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair as chairman, to retire and escort the distinguished Frater into the Asylum. The committee presently entered the Asylum and introduced R. E. Sir Layton, who was most cordially welcomed by the R. E. Grand Commander, to whose words of welcome R. E. Sir Layton responded as follows, receiving the plaudits of all present:

"While the Most Eminent Grand Master would not show partiality in his appointments, yet New Jersey feels specially favored and signally honored in the selection of one of its members to be his representative in visiting the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the oldest Grand Commandery in the United States; older than the Grand Encampment which it was instrumental in founding and to which you have given many eminent Templars; among them a Webb, a Fowle, besides two Grand Masters. The first, Benjamin Dean, I well remember presiding in the Grand Encampment in 1880, the year in which I served as Grand Commander of New Jersey.

"The Triennial Conclave was assembled that year in Chicago, as it did in the last year, but this time under the depression of a great sorrow; the whole Templar world standing at attention as though summoned by the angelus, with bowed heads and in silence, for the announcement had gone forth that our great and good Grand Master Rugg was no more — for God took him.

"The busy world is not always conscious of the presence of commanding workers; actors succeed each other on the stage of life like shifted scenery, but a few have no understudies, their performances are unique, always worthy and sure of recognition. One of Grand Master Rugg's favorite sayings was

that 'Templarism is Freemasonry Christianized.' His aphorism had a far-reaching meaning, for unlike preceding degrees, Templar teachings are taken chiefly from the New Testament, and our magnanimous Order has been given the proud distinction of bringing together all parts of the Holy Bible, to be the great light in every degree in Freemasonry. How comforting to the Soldiers of the Cross to know that we have a place where we can say, 'I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord,' a place where we can say these precious words within the sacred precincts of our Asylum without fear of offending the susceptibilities of our good brethren of other creeds.

"Theologians tell us that Old Testament events are the basis of New Testament parables, and that Old Testament parables only have their full explanation in New Testament events. For instance, the full explanation of the creation of man, male and female, was not discovered until the Epistle to the Ephesians had been written and we were taught to regard it as a type of the relationship between Christ and His Church. As Eve was formed out of Adam while he slept, so the church of Christ came into existence when Christ fell asleep in death.

"History justly ascribes to you the preëminence to have carried aloft the glorious banners of this Blessed Emmanuel for more than a hundred years, and as the Christians of old yearned to see Jerusalem so do the sublime warriors of the present day look eagerly forward to coming to this Zion.

"I do not know, Right Eminent Sir, what specially I could say by way of criticism, for I do not know what the M. E. Grand Master expects me to report, unless it be that I was given the privilege of sitting at the feet of Gamaliel, for it is a privilege to the Masonic student to visit the Alma Mater of Christian Templarism."

V. E. Sir Jehiel W. Chamberlin, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A., was also presented and welcomed.

R. E. Sir J. Albert Blake, Grand Commander, announced the illness of R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse, Grand Treasurer,

stating that this was the first Conclave of the Grand Commandery in eighteen years that Em. Sir Morse had failed to be present and that he had forwarded to his residence a floral offering in the name of the Grand Commandery.

On motion of R. E. Sir E. Bentley Young it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to send to R. E. Sir Morse a letter of condolence and sympathy of this Grand Commandery, and the R. E. Grand Commander named as the committee Em. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, R. E. Sirs E. Bentley Young and Dana J. Flanders.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

IN GRAND COMMANDERY, October 26, 1911.

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following as entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery.

Those marked with a * are recorded as being present at this Conclave.

Those marked with ** present by proxy.

St. Johns, No. 1

*E.:C.:John R. Dennis	Providence, R.I.
*Gen.:Frank W. Lockwood	Providence, R.I.
*C.:G.:William L. Phillips	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Albert H. Cushman	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Newton D. Arnold	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Walter B. Vincent	Providence, R.I.
*E.:Sir William E. Husband	Providence, R.I.
*E.:Sir George H. Rhodes	Providence, R.I.
R.:E.:Sir George L. Shepley	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir William H. Perry	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Forrest A. Peck	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir George W. Pettis	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Andrew B. Eddy	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Horace S. Richardson	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Charles C. Newhall	North Scituate, R.I.
*R.:E.:Sir Walter W. Burnham	Providence, R.I.
*E.:Sir Frank T. Pearce	Providence, R.I.
*E.:Sir Edward M. Clarke	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Henry A. Carpenter	Providence, R.I.
*E.:Sir J. Fred Parker	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Edwin G. Penniman	Fort William, Ont.
E.:Sir Joseph P. Burlingame	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Waldo M. Place	Providence, R.I.
*E.:Sir Clayton A. Ballou	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir James B. Gay	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Edward I. Mulchahey	Providence, R.I.
*E.:Sir John A. Tillotson	Providence, R.I.
*E.:Sir Robert E. Dwelly	Hanover, Mass.

Boston, No. 2

**E.:C.:Jesse E. Ames	Boston, Mass.
Gen.:Leonard W. Ross	Mattapan, Mass.
*C.:G.:Frederick C. Graves	Waltham, Mass.
E.:Sir Henry Endicott	Cambridge, Mass.
*E.:Sir Frederick Towne Comee	Woonsocket, R.I.
*E.:Sir James Mellen Gleason	Boston, Mass.
*E.:Sir Eugene Alexander Holton	Boston, Mass.
*E.:Sir Leonard Bailey Nichols	Boston, Mass.
*R.:E.:Sir Charles Ira Litchfield	Boston, Mass.
*E.:Sir Henry Howland Litchfield	Boston, Mass.
E.:Sir William Badger Lawrence	Medford, Mass.
*E.:Sir John Gilman Waite	Boston, Mass.
E.:Sir John Henry Bowker	Cambridge, Mass.
E.:Sir Rinaldo Buren Richardson	Boston, Mass.
E.:Sir Richard Arey Atwood	East Boston, Mass.
E.:Sir Charles Stanhope Damrell	Boston, Mass.
*E.:Sir James Stone Blake	Boston, Mass.

Newburyport, No. 3

E.:C.:Henry W. Little	Newburyport, Mass.
Gen.:Joseph N. Dummer	Rowley, Mass.
G.:C.:Samuel L. Porter	Amesbury, Mass.
E.:Sir William R. Johnson	Newburyport, Mass.
*E.:Sir Oliver L. Roberts	Boston, Mass.
E.:Sir John C. Risteen	
E.:Sir Green Davis	Newburyport, Mass.
E.:Sir Moses Brown	Newburyport, Mass.
E.:Sir Orrin J. Gurney	Newburyport, Mass.
E.:Sir Charles F. Worthen	Amesbury, Mass.
E.:Sir John E. McCusker	Newburyport, Mass.
*E.:Sir Benjamin J. Warton	Newburyport, Mass.
E.:Sir William J. Fisher	Newburyport, Mass.
E.:Sir George E. Collins	Amesbury, Mass.
E.:Sir Benjamin H. Young	Amesbury, Mass.
E.:Sir Benjamin Pearson	Byfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Moody B. Noyes	Newburyport, Mass.

Washington, No. 4

*E.:C.:Robert Frame	Newport, R.I.
*Gen.:Robert S. Burlingame	Newport, R.I.
C.:G.:J. Irving Shepley	Newport, R.I.
E.:Sir Robert S. Franklin	Newport, R.I.
*R.:E.:Sir John P. Sanborn	Newport, R.I.
E.:Sir John H. Witherell	Newport, R.I.

E. Sir Joseph W. Sampson	Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Harry C. Stevens, Jr.	Newport, R.I.
E. Sir William B. Scott	Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Duncan McLean	Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Thatcher T. Bowler	Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Thomas J. Pierce	Wickford, R.I.
*E. Sir Joseph Gibson	Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Edward G. Hayward	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir William H. Langley	Newport, R.I.
*E. Sir William H. Walcott	Newport, R.I.
*E. Sir George B. Lawton	Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Elbert A. Sisson	Middletown, R.I.
E. Sir Robert W. Curry	Newport, R.I.
E. Sir Clark Burdick	Newport, R.I.
*E. Sir William Champion	Newport, R.I.

Worcester County, No. 5

E. C. William S. Dadmun	Worcester, Mass.
Gen. Henry L. Green	Worcester, Mass.
*C. G. Frank C. Harrington	Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir Francis A. Harrington	Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles A. Peabody	West Boylston, Mass.
E. Sir Phineas L. Rider	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Robert W. Clifford	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Arthur H. Burton	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Charles F. Mann	Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir William W. Johnson	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Edward M. Woodward	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Edward J. Sartelle	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Charles A. Harrington	Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir William W. Brown	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Matthew Gault	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Fred M. Sampson	Worcester, Mass.
*E. Sir Henry A. Knight	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Arthur B. Chapin	Worcester, Mass.

Springfield, No. 6

*E. C. Frank D. Fuller	Springfield, Mass.
*Gen. Frank N. Fowler	Springfield, Mass.
**C. G. Frank O. Hartwell	Springfield, Mass.
R. E. Sir Edward P. Chapin	Butte, Mont.
*E. Sir Charles C. Spellman	Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Orthello K. Merrill	Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Thomas T. Davee	Springfield, Mass.
*E. Sir Edmund P. Kendrick	Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir G. Frank Adams	Springfield, Mass.

E. Sir George A. Spooner	Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Henrie A. Prouty	Springfield, Mass.
*R. E. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett	Springfield, Mass.
*E. Sir Samuel D. Sherwood	Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Thomas C. Hawks	Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Charles W. Scott	Springfield, Mass.
*E. Sir Robert F. Warren	Springfield, Mass.
E. Sir Charles F. Spellman	Springfield, Mass.
*E. Sir Albert E. Taylor	Chicopee Falls, Mass.
*E. Sir Fred H. Weston	Springfield, Mass.

De Molay, No. 7

*E. C. Charles W. Kidder	Boston, Mass.
*Gen. Edgar W. Evans	West Somerville, Mass.
C. G. Edward E. Jameson	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir William F. Davis	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Charles B. Lancaster	Newton, Mass.
*E. Sir George T. Ambrose	Roxbury, Mass.
*E. Sir Henry G. Jordan	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir William F. Chester	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Henry K. Dunton	New York, N.Y.
E. Sir Edwin B. Holmes	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Frank W. Mead	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Edward L. Rugg	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Oscar A. Shepard	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles T. C. Whitcomb	Brookton, Mass.
*E. Sir Isaac Chase	Cambridge, Mass.
*E. Sir Hammond B. Hazelwood	Brighton, Mass.
E. Sir John W. Crooks	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Roland O. Lamb	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Edwin S. Woodbury	Boston, Mass.

Holy Sepulchre, No. 8

E. C. George A. Stiness	Central Falls, R.I.
*Gen. J. Willard Baker	Pawtucket, R.I.
C. G. Robert Johnston	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir George A. Sweet	Central Falls, R.I.
E. Sir James M. Bishop	Pawtucket, R.I.
*E. Sir Clovis H. Bowen	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir Robert W. M. Horton	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir John F. Street	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir George C. Stillman	Central Falls, R.I.
E. Sir W. Howard Walker	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Horatio A. Brown	Riverside, R.I.
E. Sir Isaac Gill	Pawtucket, R.I.

E. Sir Charles E. Harrison	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir Fred Taylor	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir Arthur B. Tyler	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir S. Willard Thayer	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir John F. Clark	Valley Falls, R.I.
E. Sir Charles S. Foster	Central Falls, R.I.
*E. Sir Henry C. Dexter	Central Falls, R.I.
E. Sir John F. Oldham	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir Elmer E. Lent	Central Falls, R.I.
*E. Sir Ferdinand Bray	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir William W. Curtis	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir Samuel E. Carpenter	Lonsdale, R.I.
*E. Sir Albert H. Holmes	Pawtucket, R.I.
*E. Sir E. Percy Davis	Dorchester, Mass.
E. Sir Dexter S. Luther	Pawtucket, R.I.
E. Sir James E. Batty	Valley Falls, R.I.
E. Sir Frederick E. Leonard	Pawtucket, R.I.

Pilgrim, No. 9

*E. C. Horace S. Bacon	Lowell, Mass.
*Gen. Arthur D. Prince	Lowell, Mass.
*C. G. Charles E. Bartlett	Lowell, Mass.
R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott	Lowell, Mass.
R. E. Sir Charles C. Hutchinson	Lowell, Mass.
*E. Sir Arthur G. Pollard	Lowell, Mass.
E. Sir Solon W. Stevens	Lowell, Mass.
E. Sir Charles F. Young	Lowell, Mass.
E. Sir Charles H. Richardson	Lowell, Mass.
*E. Sir Edward J. Noyes	Lowell, Mass.
E. Sir Frank L. Weaver	Lowell, Mass.
E. Sir Charles H. Hobson	Lowell, Mass.
E. Sir Walter W. Johnson	Lynn, Mass.
*E. Sir Harry Dunlap	Lowell, Mass.
E. Sir Frank K. Stearns	Lowell, Mass.
E. Sir Herbert C. Taft	Lowell, Mass.
*E. Sir James F. Savage	Lowell, Mass.
*E. Sir Harry G. Pollard	Lowell, Mass.
E. Sir Frederick W. Farnham	Lowell, Mass.

Palestine, No. 10

*E. C. Allen H. Legg	Chelsea, Mass.
*Gen. James S. Harrower	Chelsea, Mass.
*C. G. Howard Walker	Chelsea, Mass.
E. Sir James Donaghy	Chelsea, Mass.
E. Sir James Tent	Dorchester, Mass.

E. Sir Philip G. Ilsley	Medford, Mass.
E. Sir George F. Proctor	Revere, Mass.
*E. Sir William Robinson	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir William Martin	Winchester, Mass.
E. Sir Elmer L. French	Chelsea, Mass.
E. Sir James Gould	Chelsea, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles H. Faunce	Chelsea, Mass.
*E. Sir Rev. R. Perry Bush	Chelsea, Mass.
E. Sir Harry A. Crocker	Montreal, Canada.
E. Sir Walter S. Litchfield	West Medford, Mass.

Milford, No. 11

*E. C. Frederick Arthur Gould	Milford, Mass.
Gen. Clifford Ashton Cook	Milford, Mass.
*C. G. George Edward Thayer	Milford, Mass.
*E. Sir George Edward Stacy	Milford, Mass.
E. Sir James Monroe Woods	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Charles William Shippee	Milford, Mass.
E. Sir Eben Draper Bancroft	Hopedale, Mass.
E. Sir Alfred A. Burrell	Milford, Mass.
E. Sir Samuel Alden Eastman	Milford, Mass.
E. Sir Artemus Bradford Edmands	Milford, Mass.
E. Sir George Schuyler Whitney	Milford, Mass.
E. Sir Horace Elias Whitney	Milford, Mass.
E. Sir Charles Fremont Wilkinson	Milford, Mass.
*E. Sir DeForrest Calvin Morrison	Milford, Mass.
*E. Sir Aaron Hero Mayhew	Milford, Mass.
*E. Sir Chester Lovell Clark	Milford, Mass.
*E. Sir Herbert Sanford Eldredge	Milford, Mass.
*E. Sir Horace Anselm Brown	Milford, Mass.
E. Sir Josiah Boyd Parkin	Holliston, Mass.
E. Sir Isaac Britton	Ogdensburg, N.Y.

St. Bernard, No. 12

*C. G. George C. Thacher	Boston, Mass.
*Gen. Wilbur S. Locke	Boston, Mass.
C. G. Frank E. Buxton	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Henry W. Hartwell	Waltham, Mass.
*E. Sir Thomas W. Davis	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Thomas S. Spurr	Winchester, Mass.
E. Sir Henry S. Rowe	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir J. Foster Bush	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Isaac H. Locke	Belmont, Mass.
E. Sir Charles E. Phipps	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Herbert Austin	Boston, Mass.

E..Sir Robert J. Dunkle	Boston, Mass.
*E..Sir Everett C. Benton	Boston, Mass.
*E..Sir Harvey N. Shepard	Boston, Mass.
*E..Sir Richard W. Smith	Boston, Mass.
E..Sir Charles M. Green	Boston, Mass.
*E..C..Frank L. Gibson	Boston, Mass.

Calvary, No. 13

*E..C..Henry P. Stone	Providence, R.I.
*Gen..Walter A. Griffith	Providence, R.I.
C..G..Louis N. Colwell	Providence, R.I.
R..E..Sir Nelson W. Aldrich	Washington, D.C.
E..Sir Eugene D. Burt	Brockton, Mass.
E..Sir Charles B. Webster	New York, N.Y.
E..Sir Clinton D. Sellew	Providence, R.I.
*E..Sir Arthur W. Dennis	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir Cyril A. Babcock	Providence, R.I.
*E..Sir Albert L. Anthony	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir Spencer B. Hopkins	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir Frank S. Congdon	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir Frederick G. Stiles	New York, N.Y.
E..Sir Charles C. Mumford	Providence, R.I.
*E..Sir Thomas L. Phillips	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir Thomas W. Penney	Clayville, R.I.
*E..Sir Joseph H. Potter	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir Joseph Baker, Jr.	Providence, R.I.
*E..Sir George H. Grant	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir Rogers G. Young	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir Robert L. Spencer	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir John P. Thompson	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir Charles C. Darling	Providence, R.I.
*E..Sir Frederick I. Dana	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir William W. Hunt	East Providence, R.I.
*E..Sir James A. Rogers	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir Edward A. Wheeler	Providence, R.I.
E..Sir Herbert D. Nickerson	Providence, R.I.

Haverhill, No. 14

*E..C..Fred D. McGregor	Haverhill, Mass.
Gen..W. Eugene Ellis	Haverhill, Mass.
C..G..Albert B. Hale	Haverhill, Mass.
*R..E..Sir Dana J. Flanders	Malden, Mass.
E..Sir George V. Ladd	Amesbury, Mass.
E..Sir Charles C. Osgood	Haverhill, Mass.
E..Sir Edward A. Fitts	Haverhill, Mass.
E..Sir George E. Mitchell	Haverhill, Mass.

E..Sir George L. Emerson	Haverhill, Mass.
E..Sir Charles P. Sumner	Haverhill, Mass.
E..Sir William L. Smart	Merrimac, Mass.
E..Sir Horace I. Pinkham	Haverhill, Mass.
E..Sir Charles W. Arnold	Haverhill, Mass.
E..Sir Charles H. Dutton, Jr.	Haverhill, Mass.
*E..Sir Daniel C. Hunt	Haverhill, Mass.
*E..Sir William W. Appleton	Haverhill, Mass.

Old Colony, No. 15

E..C..Olin Drake Dickerman	Boston, Mass.
*Gen..Charles Frederick Mann	East Bridgewater, Mass.
*C..G..Harvey Albion Soule	Kingston, Mass.
E..Sir William Wales Whitmarsh	Neponset, Mass.
E..Sir William Henry Maine	Brockton, Mass.
E..Sir William Henry Davis	Abington, Mass.
E..Sir Horatio F. Copeland	Whitman, Mass.
*E..Sir David Vining Poole	Abington, Mass.
E..Sir Ernest W. Calkins	North Abington, Mass.
*E..Sir Charles Sumner Beal	Rockland, Mass.
*E..Sir Myles Standish Weston	Plymouth, Mass.
*E..Sir Alfred Howard Nash	Abington, Mass.
E..Sir William Forrest Bates	Hanover, Mass.

Sutton, No. 16

*E..C..Elton S. Wilde	New Bedford, Mass.
*Gen..William Bliss	New Bedford, Mass.
*C..G..Charles S. Coombs	New Bedford, Mass.
E..Sir Albert H. W. Carpenter	New Bedford, Mass.
E..Sir Gardner T. Sanford	New Bedford, Mass.
E..Sir Henry Field, Jr.	New Bedford, Mass.
*E..Sir James L. Sherman	New Bedford, Mass.
E..Sir Theodore W. Cole	New Bedford, Mass.
E..Sir Isaac N. Marshall	Wareham, Mass.
E..Sir Henry W. Mason	New Bedford, Mass.
*E..Sir William H. Waterman	New Bedford, Mass.
*E..Sir Zacheus C. Dunham	New Bedford, Mass.
E..Sir William Deacon	New Bedford, Mass.
*E..Sir Elisha H. Fisher	New Bedford, Mass.
E..Sir Stephen H. Taylor	Boston, Mass.
E..Sir Henry N. West	New Bedford, Mass.
*E..Sir Charles R. Hunt	New Bedford, Mass.
*E..Sir Merton L. Hathaway	New Bedford, Mass.
*E..Sir Philip S. Briggs	New Bedford, Mass.

Bethany, No. 17

E. C. Ora Wendell Boothby	Lawrence, Mass.
Gen. Dean Kingman Webster	Lawrence, Mass.
C. G. William Henry Glover	Lawrence, Mass.
*R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders	Lawrence, Mass.
E. Sir Granville M. Stoddard	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir Wallace M. Priest	Lawrence, Mass.
*E. Sir William Fisher	Lawrence, Mass.
E. Sir Smith M. Decker	Lawrence, Mass.
E. Sir Benjamin Andrew	Lawrence, Mass.
E. Sir Charles P. Morrill	North Andover, Mass.
E. Sir Henry L. Sherman	Lawrence, Mass.
*E. Sir George Preston Low	Lawrence, Mass.
E. Sir Newton Parker Frye	Lawrence, Mass.
E. Sir Thomas Bevington	Lawrence, Mass.
*E. Sir Harry Wylde	Lawrence, Mass.
*E. Sir Thomas Edwin Andrew	Lawrence, Mass.

Winslow Lewis, No. 18

*E. C. Fred H. Sleeper	West Somerville, Mass.
Gen. Herbert S. Gilman	Salem, Mass.
C. G. George W. Blinn	Salem, Mass.
*R. E. Sir J. Albert Blake	Malden, Mass.
*R. E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Thomas G. Pinnock	Salem, Mass.
*E. Sir Benjamin Cole, Jr.	Marblehead, Mass.
E. Sir Horace N. Smith	Salem, Mass.
E. Sir Andrew J. Wilson	Salem, Mass.
E. Sir John M. Raymond	Salem, Mass.
E. Sir Charles S. Chase	Salem, Mass.
E. Sir Ira Vaughan	Salem, Mass.

Jerusalem, No. 19

*E. C. Benjamin A. Cook	Fitchburg, Mass.
*Gen. Frederick A. Watson	Fitchburg, Mass.
*C. G. Frank H. Foss	Fitchburg, Mass.
E. Sir Sullivan W. Huntley	Fitchburg, Mass.
*E. Sir George V. Barrett	Ayer, Mass.
E. Sir Dwight S. Woodworth	Fitchburg, Mass.
E. Sir Charles A. Morgan	Fitchburg, Mass.
E. Sir Joseph G. Edgerly	Fitchburg, Mass.
*E. Sir George S. Richardson	Fitchburg, Mass.
E. Sir Walter A. Davis	Fitchburg, Mass.
E. Sir C. Willis Bennett	Fitchburg, Mass.
E. Sir George H. Priest	Fitchburg, Mass.

*E. Sir Fred H. Rideout	Fitchburg, Mass.
*E. Sir Eustace L. Fiske	Fitchburg, Mass.
E. Sir William H. Heustis	Fitchburg, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles J. Russell	Fitchburg, Mass.

Hugh de Payens, No. 20

*E. C. Alonzo Hall	Boston, Mass.
*Gen. George O. Sheldon	Boston, Mass.
*C. G. Percy W. Witherill	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Smith B. Harrington	Boston, Mass.
R. E. Sir Winthrop Messinger	Melrose, Mass.
*E. Sir Alonzo H. Smith	Salem, Mass.
*E. Sir Elisha B. Sears	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Herman J. Pettengill	Dallas, Texas.
*E. Sir Harry Hunt	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Joseph A. Pierce	West Medway, Mass.
*E. Sir Harry Stevens	Brookline, Mass.
E. Sir Seth C. Clark	Cambridge, Mass.
E. Sir Charles E. Marshall	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Milton A. Stone	Melrose, Mass.

St. Omer, No. 21

*E. G. William Sears	Roxbury, Mass.
*Gen. Eldon A. Clark	Dorchester, Mass.
*C. G. Wm. G. Irvin	Dorchester, Mass.
E. Sir Francis C. Hersey	Newton, Mass.
*R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule	Brookline, Mass.
*E. Sir Jerome Smith	South Framingham, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles E. Pierce	South Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Albert H. White	Brookline, Mass.
E. Sir James Hill	West Lynn, Mass.
*E. Sir William H. Puffer	Milton, Mass.
*E. Sir James A. Cook	Dorchester, Mass.
E. Sir Thomas F. Christian	Dorchester, Mass.
*E. Sir Fletcher K. Tirrell	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles E. Hull	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Henry M. Nash	South Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Henry Hazlett	Dorchester, Mass.
*E. C. Charles H. MacGarvey	Dorchester, Mass.

Berkshire, No. 22

E. C. William F. McKenzie	Pittsfield, Mass.
Gen. Charles R. Stevens	Pittsfield, Mass.
C. G. Jay P. Barnes	Pittsfield, Mass.
E. Sir Hezekiah S. Russell	Pittsfield, Mass.
E. Sir Irving D. Ferrey	Pittsfield, Mass.
*E. Sir William E. Wilcox	Pittsfield, Mass.

E.:Sir Charles E. Merrill	Pittsfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Theodore L. Allen	Pittsfield, Mass.
E.:Sir William T. Petherbridge	Pittsfield, Mass.
E.:Sir William G. Backus	Pittsfield, Mass.
E.:Sir George H. Tucker	Pittsfield, Mass.
E.:Sir H. Neill Wilson	Pittsfield, Mass.
*E.:Sir William P. Wood	Pittsfield, Mass.
E.:Sir James O. Clifford	Lenox, Mass.
E.:Sir Edgar T. Lawrence	Pittsfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Charles E. Bennett	Pittsfield, Mass.
E.:Sir H. Earl Henry	Pittsfield, Mass.
E.:Sir William D. MacInnes	New York, N. Y.
E.:Sir G. Albert Kenyon	Pittsfield, Mass.
*E.:Sir David J. Gimlich	Pittsfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Frank J. Barrett	Lenox, Mass.
E.:Sir Herbert M. Stilson	New York, N. Y.
E.:Sir George A. Mole	Lenox, Mass.

Connecticut Valley, No. 23

*E.:C.:Louis A. Cook	Greenfield, Mass.
*Gen.:William B. Gaines	Greenfield, Mass.
C.:G.:George A. Sheldon	Greenfield, Mass.
*E.:Sir William S. Severence	Greenfield, Mass.
*E.:Sir Bowdoin S. Parker	Boston, Mass.
E.:Sir Marvin S. Fellows	Greenfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Henry L. Miller	Greenfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Charles W. Hazleton	Montague City, Mass.
E.:Sir Franklin E. Snow	Greenfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Dana Malone	Greenfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Eugene B. Blake	Greenfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Enoch G. Best	Greenfield, Mass.
*E.:Sir Charles W. Schuler	Montague City, Mass.
E.:Sir William Blake Allen	Greenfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Charles J. Fiske	Greenfield, Mass.
E.:Sir J. Henry Nichols	Greenfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Frank D. Jones	Riverside, Mass.
E.:Sir Harry Kaulback	Greenfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Frederick E. Pierce	Greenfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Edward J. Reece	Greenfield, Mass.
E.:Sir Frank G. Roeder	Turners Falls, Mass.

Woonsocket, No. 24

*E.:C.:Arthur A. Spencer	Woonsocket, R.I.
Gen.:Leon A. Bailey	Woonsocket, R.I.
C.:G.:Carlyle C. Wheelock	Woonsocket, R.I.
E.:Sir Walter E. Parker	Lawrence, Mass.

E.:Sir Francello G. Jilson	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir Charles E. Thomas	Pontiac, R.I.
E.:Sir Seth S. Getchell	Woonsocket, R.I.
*E.:Sir Daniel W. Senior	Cambridge, Mass.
*E.:Sir Frederick W. Arnold	Woonsocket, R.I.
*E.:Sir Ambrose B. White	Millville, Mass.
E.:Sir Stephen Magown	Woonsocket, R.I.
*E.:Sir Frank A. Cooke	Woonsocket, R.I.
E.:Sir Frank H. Mills	Woonsocket, R.I.
E.:Sir Farnum B. Smith	Woonsocket, R.I.
E.:Sir Heman S. Crosby	Woonsocket, R.I.
E.:Sir William Howard	Woonsocket, R.I.
*E.:Sir Stephen H. Douglas	Woonsocket, R.I.
E.:Sir George H. Emmott	Woonsocket, R.I.

Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25

*E.:C.:Frank B. Hineckley	Fall River, Mass.
Gen.:George McGregor Wood	Fall River, Mass.
C.:G.:William H. Beattie	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir Robert Henry	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir George A. Ballard	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir Alfred H. Hartley	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir Albert F. Dow	Fall River, Mass.
*E.:Sir Robert N. Hathaway	Fall River, Mass.
*E.:Sir Herbert Field	Providence, R.I.
E.:Sir James E. McCreery	Fall River, Mass.
*E.:Sir Judson C. Mackenzie	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir Abbott Everett Slade	Fall River, Mass.
*E.:Sir John M. Davis	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir David J. Burdick	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir Herbert S. Weeden	Fall River, Mass.
*E.:Sir Elmer B. L. Young	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir Henry Ashworth	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir Walter F. Shove	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir James W. Anthony	Fall River, Mass.
*E.:Sir Dwight E. Cone	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir Clarence E. Hambly	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir Frank L. Carpenter	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir Jesse Blaisdell	Fall River, Mass.
E.:Sir Sydney H. Borden	Fall River, Mass.

Joseph Warren, No. 26

*E.:C.:Varnum Waugh	Dorchester, Mass.
*Gen.:John W. Bosworth	Roslindale, Mass.
C.:G.:Arthur L. Foster	Roxbury, Mass.
E.:Sir William F. Davis	Boston, Mass.

E. Sir John F. Newton	Roxbury, Mass.
E. Sir John Carr	Roxbury, Mass.
*E. Sir Frederick H. Spring	Boston, Mass.
R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse	Roxbury, Mass.
*R. E. Sir E. Bentley Young	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Edwin S. Davis	Roxbury, Mass.
E. Sir George A. Brackett	Roxbury, Mass.
*E. Sir George A. Tainter	Roxbury, Mass.
*E. Sir S. Everett Tinkham	Roxbury, Mass.
E. Sir John W. Hall	Roxbury, Mass.
*E. Sir George W. Knowlton	Boston, Mass.

Narragansett, No. 27

*E. C. D. Everett Hoxie	Westerly, R.I.
*Gen. Alexander R. Paterson	Westerly, R.I.
C. G. Albert H. Spicer, Jr.	Westerly, R.I.
E. Sir Azro N. Lewis	Alameda, Cal.
E. Sir Albert H. Spicer	Westerly, R.I.
E. Sir Charles W. Willard	Westerly, R.I.
E. Sir Walter S. Legate	Providence, R.I.
E. Sir Robert A. Mason	Westerly, R.I.
E. Sir Edward H. Babcock	New York, N.Y.
E. Sir Danison C. Hinckley	Westerly, R.I.
*E. Sir Archie C. Thompson	Westerly, R.I.
E. Sir Charles F. Berry	Westerly, R.I.
E. Sir Thomas A. Barber	Westerly, R.I.
E. Sir John P. Christie	Toledo, Ohio
E. Sir Thomas McKenzie	Westerly, R.I.
E. Sir Frederick W. Stiles	Westerly, R.I.
E. Sir Russell B. Smith	Westerly, R.I.
*E. Sir Abel P. Randall	Westerly, R.I.
*E. Sir Fremont Nye	Westerly, R.I.
E. Sir Robert E. Cole	Westerly, R.I.
E. Sir George E. Broughton	Westerly, R.I.

William Parkman, No. 28

E. C. Albert R. Stedfast	Winthrop, Mass.
Gen. William B. Jackson	E. Boston, Mass.
C. G. John J. Scott	E. Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Albert B. Barrett	Melrose, Mass.
E. Sir E. H. Doolittle	Camden, N.J.
*E. Sir Albert C. Smith	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Thomas Kellough	Winchester, Mass.
*E. Sir Richard Beeching	Allston, Mass.
*E. Sir James M. Simpson	East Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Edward T. Pigeon	Jamaica Plain, Mass.

*E. Sir Martin M. Hancock	East Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles T. Witt	East Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Edward G. Graves	East Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles A. Estey	East Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir J. William Dicker	East Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles E. Lindergreen	Winthrop, Mass.
*E. Sir E. C. Hathaway	East Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Walter J. Staples	East Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Albert B. Dunham	East Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir J. Hiram Pearson	Boston, Mass.

Bristol, No. 29

E. C. Charles L. Barrows	Attleboro, Mass.
*Gen. Alfred B. Hodges	Taunton, Mass.
C. G. William A. Spier	Attleboro, Mass.
E. Sir Daniel H. Smith	Attleboro, Mass.
E. Sir Peter Nerney	Attleboro, Mass.
E. Sir Edward C. Martin	Attleboro, Mass.
E. Sir Alfred R. Crosby	Attleboro, Mass.
E. Sir George H. Sykes	Attleboro, Mass.
E. Sir Henry H. Curtis	North Attleboro, Mass.
*E. Sir William S. Metcalf	Plainville, Mass.
*E. Sir Charles H. Parker	North Attleboro, Mass.
E. Sir Charles W. Bemis	Foxboro, Mass.
*E. Sir Clarence M. Dunbar	Providence, R.I.
*E. Sir Harry B. Lewis	Wrentham, Mass.
*E. Sir Winthrop F. Barden	Attleboro, Mass.

Northampton, No. 30

**E. C. Will N. Doane	Northampton, Mass.
**Gen. John L. Mather	Northampton, Mass.
C. G. William H. Smith	Northampton, Mass.
E. Sir Henry Jones	Northampton, Mass.
E. Sir Samuel W. Lee	Leeds, Mass.
E. Sir John A. Sullivan	Northampton, Mass.
E. Sir Louis L. Campbell	Northampton, Mass.
E. Sir Eugene E. Davis	Northampton, Mass.
E. Sir Charles H. Chase	Northampton, Mass.
E. Sir George R. Turner	Northampton, Mass.
*E. Sir Frank E. Davis	Northampton, Mass.
*E. Sir Harry E. Bicknell	Northampton, Mass.
*E. Sir George H. Page	Wilmington, Mass.
E. Sir Arthur D. Kingsbury	Northampton, Mass.
E. Sir David C. Crafts	Northampton, Mass.

South Shore, No. 31

*E. C. Frank W. Bates	Revere, Mass.
*Gen. Gardner R. P. Barker	E. Braintree, Mass.
*C. G. Edward B. Pratt	Hingham, Mass.
*E. Sir William S. Wallace	Weymouth, Mass.
E. Sir George Cushing	Hingham, Mass.
*E. Sir T. John Evans	East Weymouth, Mass.
*E. Sir Francis A. Bicknell	North Weymouth, Mass.
*E. Sir David J. Pierce	Weymouth, Mass.
*E. Sir Eben H. Cain	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Arthur W. Burr	Hingham, Mass.

Trinity, No. 32

E. C. Arthur C. Cundall	Hudson, Mass.
*Gen. George R. Hall	Marlboro, Mass.
C. G. Edward O. Bunton	Clinton, Mass.
E. Sir George B. Cochran	Hudson, Mass.
E. Sir James J. Joslin	Hudson, Mass.
*E. Sir J. Frank Child	Marlboro, Mass.
E. Sir S. W. Hale	Hudson, Mass.
E. Sir J. N. Pettengill	Hudson, Mass.
E. Sir F. O. Welch	Hudson, Mass.
*E. Sir Amory Maynard	Maynard, Mass.
E. Sir Stevens A. Holt	Hudson, Mass.
E. Sir Adelbert M. Mossman	Hudson, Mass.
E. Sir Charles A. Bartlett	Clinton, Mass.
*E. Sir Fred S. Rowell	Hudson, Mass.
*E. Sir Calvin H. Hastings	Clinton, Mass.

Natick No. 33

E. C. Albert Perry	Natick, Mass.
*Gen. Frederic H. Hilton	South Framingham, Mass.
*C. G. Harry M. Conrad	
*E. Sir Charles H. Child	Natick, Mass.
E. Sir Frank B. Tilton	Natick, Mass.
E. Sir William C. Bellam	Everett, Mass.
E. Sir William E. Rollins	Natick, Mass.
E. Sir Marcellus C. Cloudman	Natick, Mass.
*E. Sir James Downs	Natick, Mass.
*E. Sir Frank B. Twitchell	Natick, Mass.
*E. Sir John J. Van Valkenburgh	South Framingham, Mass.
E. Sir Willard W. Wight	Wellesley Hills, Mass.
E. Sir Stephen W. Holmes	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir Frank E. Parlin	Cambridge, Mass.
E. Sir Arthur L. Jacobs	Wellesley, Mass.

E. Sir William E. Chenery	Framingham, Mass.
E. Sir Charles C. Henry	Wellesley Hills, Mass.
E. Sir Frank A. Bean	Columbus, Ohio
*E. Sir Harry M. Ferguson	Natick, Mass.
E. Sir John W. Robinson	Natick, Mass.
*E. Sir Luke R. Landy	Dorchester, Mass.
E. Sir Thomas W. Ferguson	Wellesley, Mass.
E. Sir Chester H. Eames	South Framingham, Mass.
*E. Sir Luther E. Cowles	Winthrop, Mass.
*E. Sir James F. Higgins	Winthrop, Mass.

Cœur de Lion, No. 34

*E. C. Herbert P. Nickerson	Charlestown, Mass.
Gen. Hopkins H. Meloon	Tufts College, Mass.
C. G. William A. Seward	Somerville, Mass.
E. Sir Charles O. Fox	Auburndale, Mass.
E. Sir George F. Mullett	Malden, Mass.
E. Sir Joel C. Bolan	East Boston, Mass.
E. Sir William H. Cushman	Mechanic Falls, Me.
E. Sir John H. Studley, Jr.	Malden, Mass.
*E. Sir Henry A. Yenetchi	Somerville, Mass.
*E. Sir Lewis M. Woodbridge	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir Oscar G. Sargent	Somerville, Mass.

Gethsemane, No. 35

*E. C. Asa C. Jewett	Newton Centre, Mass.
Gen. Edward P. Hatch	Newtonville, Mass.
*C. G. Charles J. Shepard	Waltham, Mass.
E. Sir Moses Clark, Jr.	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir James B. Fuller	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Henry J. Preston	Newtonville, Mass.
E. Sir Albert L. Harwood	Newton Centre, Mass.
*E. Sir Lewis E. Binney	Newtonville, Mass.
*E. Sir George T. Coppins	Boston, Mass.
*E. Sir George Breeden	Newtonville, Mass.
E. Sir Samuel Shaw	East Milton, Mass.
*E. Sir Frank L. Nagle	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Edmund G. Pond	Needham, Mass.
*E. Sir William F. Jarvis	Waltham, Mass.
E. Sir J. Franklin Ryder	Auburndale, Mass.
*E. Sir William E. Peterson	Waltham, Mass.

Olivet, No. 36

E. C. William D. Brown	Lynn, Mass.
Gen. Josiah P. Croscup	Lynn, Mass.
C. G. John E. Pierce	Boston, Mass.

E..Sir John Shaw, 2d	Peabody, Mass.
E..Sir Nathan B. Fletcher	Lynn, Mass.
*R..E..Sir George H. Allen	Lynn, Mass.
*E..Sir Robert L. Almy	Salem, Mass.
E..Sir John M. Vennard	Lynn, Mass.
*E..Sir Benjamin W. Rowell	Boston, Mass.
R..E..Sir George E. Hilton	Lynn, Mass.
E..Sir R. Everett Hilliard	Boston, Mass.
E..Sir Charles A. Alley	Lynn, Mass.
E..Sir Thomas W. Rogers	Lynn, Mass.
E..Sir Frank P. Bubier	Lynn, Mass.
*E..Sir Amos F. Chase	Lynn, Mass.
*E..Sir Charles J. Philbrook	Lynn, Mass.
*E..Sir Addison L. Osborne	Lynn, Mass.
*E..Sir John M. Nelson	Lynn, Mass.

Athol, No. 37

*E..C..Albert W. Amsden	Athol, Mass.
*Gen..Ernest W. Taylor	Athol, Mass.
*C..G..Ossian R. Butterfield	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir George H. Foye	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir Othello A. Fay	Athol, Mass.
*E..Sir George W. Bishop	Newtonville, Mass.
E..Sir Hennie C. Fay	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir Charles H. Forbes	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir Henry W. Harris	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir Frank E. Wing	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir James F. Whitcomb	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir Edgar V. Wilson	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir Will S. Hinman	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir Cyrus M. Pierce	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir Frederick H. Lee	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir Everard B. Hanson	South Royalston, Mass.
*E..Sir Frank A. Ball	Athol, Mass.
*E..Sir William J. Bolton	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir Parke B. Swift	Athol, Mass.
E..Sir Fred W. Lord	Athol, Mass.

Bay State, No. 38

*E..C..Arthur L. Beals	Brockton, Mass.
*Gen..George A. Thatcher	Brockton, Mass.
C..G..Fred Drew	Brockton, Mass.
E..Sir Edward Parker	Brockton, Mass.
E..Sir Elmer W. Walker	Brockton, Mass.

E..Sir George F. Walker	Monrovia, Cal.
*E..Sir David W. Battles	Brockton, Mass.
E..Sir John A. Jackson	Brockton, Mass.
E..Sir Francis E. Shaw	Brockton, Mass.
E..Sir Ira F. Burnham	Stoughton, Mass.
E..Sir Myron L. Keith	Campello, Mass.
*E..Sir William H. Emerson	Brockton, Mass.
*E..Sir Albert Manley	Brockton, Mass.
E..Sir Calvin R. Barrett	Brockton, Mass.
E..Sir Herbert L. Tinkham	Brockton, Mass.

Cyprus, No. 39

*E..C..Frank H. Tyler	Hyde Park, Mass.
*Gen..Irving C. Webster	Hyde Park, Mass.
*C..G..Harry E. Astley	Readville, Mass.
*E..Sir Henry S. Bunton	Hyde Park, Mass.
E..Sir George F. Lincoln	Jamaica Plain, Mass.
*E..Sir Melville P. Morrell	Gleasondale, Mass.
E..Sir Henry N. Bates	Boston, Mass.
E..Sir George L. Lang	Chattanooga, Tenn.
*E..Sir Albert G. Webb	Medford, Mass.
E..Sir G. Walter Capen	Canton Corner, Mass.
E..Sir Franklin D. Brigham	Hyde Park, Mass.
E..Sir William H. Barritt	Hyde Park, Mass.
E..Sir Alexander G. Childs	Dorchester, Mass.
*E..Sir Prince W. Taylor	Hyde Park, Mass.
E..Sir Samuel H. Capen	Dedham, Mass.

St. Paul, No. 40

**E..C..James T. Potter	North Adams, Mass.
**Gen..Arthur A. Hall	Adams, Mass.
**C..G..Louis A. Simmons	North Adams, Mass.
E..Sir George F. Miller	North Adams, Mass.
E..Sir Hobart C. Tower	North Adams, Mass.
E..Sir William Blythe	North Adams, Mass.
*E..Sir Edward M. Meekins	North Adams, Mass.
E..Sir George French	North Adams, Mass.
E..Sir Frederick W. Reed	North Adams, Mass.
E..Sir Everett E. Reade	South Hadley Falls, Mass.
*E..Sir Harvey A. Gallup	North Adams, Mass.
*E..Sir Robert A. Thompson	North Adams, Mass.
E..Sir Henry C. Rand	North Adams, Mass.
E..Sir John A. DeCamp	Little Falls, N. Y.

Beauseant, No. 41

*E..C..Harry P. Ballard	Malden, Mass.
*Gen..George A. Chisholm	Malden, Mass.
*C..G..Elmore E. Locke	Malden, Mass.
E..Sir T. Fred Martin	Boston, Mass.
*E..Sir Fred T. Hawley	Boston, Mass.
E..Sir George S. Griffin	Boston, Mass.
E..Sir Albert L. Decatur	Malden, Mass.
E..Sir Edwin A. Kelley	Bremen, Me.
*E..Sir William J. Hobbs	Malden, Mass.
*E..Sir Walter F. Medding	Malden, Mass.
E..Sir Thomas P. Blake	Everett, Mass.
E..Sir Frederic L. Putnam	Melrose, Mass.
*E..Sir Charles E. Prior	Malden, Mass.
E..Sir Arthur W. Walker	Boston, Mass.
E..Sir Marion V. Putnam	Lynn, Mass.
E..Sir Willis I. Foss	Malden, Mass.
E..Sir Alvin T. Pease	Malden, Mass.
*E..Sir James H. Waite	Malden, Mass.

Cambridge, No. 42

*E..C..Charles R. Putnam	Boston, Mass.
*Gen..Walter C. Wardwell	Cambridge, Mass.
*Gen..Elmer P. Sargent, Jr.	Cambridge, Mass.
*V..E..Sir Lafayette G. Blair	Boston, Mass.
*E..Sir Charles O. Welch	Cambridge, Mass.
*E..Sir Charles M. Pear	Cambridge, Mass.
E..Sir John G. Thorogood	Cambridge, Mass.
*E..Sir Francis L. Sawtell	Cambridge, Mass.
E..Sir Charles H. Morse	Cambridge, Mass.
*E..Sir Warren P. Dudley	Boston, Mass.
*E..Sir R. Walter Hilliard	Boston, Mass.
*E..Sir Charles E. Haddock	Cambridge, Mass.
E..Sir Alfred B. Parker	Waverley, Mass.
*E..Sir Howard F. Peak	Cambridge, Mass.

Bethlehem, No. 43

*E..C..Herman W. Spooner	Gloucester, Mass.
Gen..Herbert E. Smith	Gloucester, Mass.
*C..G..Monson L. Wetherell	Gloucester, Mass.
*E..Sir Edgar S. Taft	Gloucester, Mass.
*E..Sir Edwin A. Bradley	Gloucester, Mass.
E..Sir David S. Presson	Gloucester, Mass.
E..Sir William A. Homans	Gloucester, Mass.
E..Sir Conrad R. Hanson	Gloucester, Mass.
E..Sir Fred A. Fisher	Gloucester, Mass.

E..Sir William Emerson Parsons	Gloucester, Mass.
E..Sir H. Bery Knowles	Gloucester, Mass.
*E..Sir Aaron Cogswell	Essex, Mass.

St. George, No. 44

*E..C..Josiah E. Nightingale	Danversport, Mass.
Gen..Clifford R. Woodbury	Beverly, Mass.
*C..G..Frank O. Staples	Danversport, Mass.
E..Sir Clarence O. Hood	Beverly, Mass.
E..Sir Samuel A. T. Whipple	South Hamilton, Mass.
E..Sir Robert K. Sears	Danvers, Mass.
E..Sir John F. Hill	Beverly, Mass.
E..Sir Wallace P. Hood	Danvers, Mass.
E..Sir Arthur W. Beckford	Danvers, Mass.
E..Sir Lawrence L. Woodberry	Beverly, Mass.
*E..Sir George S. Sinnicks	Manchester, Mass.

Orange, No. 45

*E..C..Arkan M. Spencer	Orange, Mass.
*Gen..Wm. L. Lathrop	Orange, Mass.
*C..G..Leon H. Rogers	Orange, Mass.
E..Sir Henry A. Powers	Orange, Mass.
E..Sir George A. Drake	Orange, Mass.
E..Sir Warren M. King	Northampton, Mass.
E..Sir George F. Smith	Orange, Mass.
E..Sir Dexter L. Crandall	Orange, Mass.
*E..Sir Edward Dixon	Orange, Mass.
E..Sir Fred H. Train	Orange, Mass.
*E..Sir Arthur J. Berry	Athol, Mass.

Ivanhoe, No. 46

E..C..Charles N. Edgell	Gardner, Mass.
*Gen..Charles H. Hartshorn	Gardner, Mass.
C..G..Merrill W. Allen	Gardner, Mass.
E..Sir John D. Edgell	Gardner, Mass.
E..Sir Charles A. Cowee	Gardner, Mass.
E..Sir Fred L. Butler	Gardner, Mass.

Quincy, No. 47

*E..C..Albert W. Fay	Wollaston, Mass.
Gen..Walter E. Piper	Quincy, Mass.
*C..G..John Morgan	Wollaston, Mass.
*E..Sir Arthur W. Stetson	Quincy, Mass.

Courteously submitted,

S. EVERETT TINKHAM.
JOSEPH H. POTTER.
DANIEL C. HUNT.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER FOR 1911

BOSTON, October 26, 1911.

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Your Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following annual report of the transactions of his office for the year ending date:

Twenty days after the close of the Annual Conclave of 1910 the Proceedings were printed and distributed as follows:

One copy was sent by mail to the address of each member of this Grand Commandery, viz., seven hundred and ninety copies; one copy to each Recorder of subordinate Commanderies, viz., forty-six copies; three copies to the Grand Recorders of sister Grand Commanderies, and three copies to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, also one copy to the public libraries of the States and nation.

The printed Proceedings of the Semi-Annual Conclave of 1911 are ready for distribution at this Conclave.

ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

The annual returns of this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the United States, together with the annual tax due from this Grand Commandery, amounting to \$844.40, were forwarded to the Grand Recorder, E. Sir John A. Gerow, June, 1910, and the receipt of the same has been duly acknowledged.

ARCHIVES

The archives of this Grand Commandery in the library room of the office of your Grand Recorder are in excellent condition, and have been increased during the year by Proceedings from sister Grand Commanderies, and now contain 580 bound volumes and more than 4,000 pamphlets.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

The annual returns of the subordinate Commanderies in this Jurisdiction were received in constitutional time with the exception of Narragansett and Holy Sepulchre.

STATISTICS

The following tabulated statement is the work of the Templar year ending September 30, 1911, and shows the following results:

<i>Gains</i>	
Knighted	851
Affiliated	223
Restored	7
Total gains	1,081
<i>Losses</i>	
Dimitted	294
Suspended	88
Expelled	1
Died	337
Total loss	720
Making a gain for the year of	361
The membership is now	17,244

The following Commanderies have made gains:

St. Johns, No. 1
 Boston, No. 2
 Newburyport, No. 3
 Washington, No. 4
 Worcester County, No. 5
 Springfield, No. 6
 Holy Sepulchre No. 8
 Palestine, No. 10
 St. Bernard, No. 12
 Calvary, No. 13
 Old Colony, No. 15
 Sutton, No. 16
 Bethany, No. 17
 Jerusalem, No. 19
 Hugh de Payens, No. 20
 St. Omer, No. 21
 Berkshire, No. 22

Connecticut Valley, No. 23
 Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25
 Narragansett, No. 27
 William Parkman, No. 28
 Bristol, No. 29
 Northampton, No. 30
 Natick, No. 33
 Gethsemane, No. 35
 Olivet, No. 36
 Athol, No. 37
 Bay State, No. 38
 Cyprus, No. 39
 St. Paul, No. 40
 Beauseant, No. 41
 Cambridge, No. 42
 Bethlehem, No. 43
 St. George, No. 44
 Orange, No. 45
 Ivanhoe, No. 46

TEMPLARS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD

The whole number of Knights Templars in the United States is, as compiled from the latest reports, 207,619; and in the world, 218,712.

From these tables it will be found that the sources of Gains and Losses have been as follows:

<i>Gains</i>	
Knighted	14,398
Affiliated	2,015
Restored	552
Total gain	16,965
<i>Losses</i>	
Dimitted	2,911
Suspended	1,942
Expelled	53
Died	3,304
Total losses	8,210
Making a net gain of	8,755

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. of Commandery	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY	DATE OF CHARTER	TIME OF MEETING	DATE OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE
St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.....	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Mon. in each month.	1st Monday in October
Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.....	Mar. 3, 1806	3d Wed. in each month.	3d Wednesday in Oct.
Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.....	May 12, 1808	3d Thurs. in each month.	3d Thursday in Sept.
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.....	June 7, 1814	3d Wed. in each month.	3d Wednesday in Sept.
Worcester County.....	5	Worcester, Mass.....	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thurs. in each month.	1st Thursday in Oct.
Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass.....	June 19, 1826	1st Mon. in each month.	1st Monday in Oct.
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.....	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wed. in each month.	4th Wednesday in Sept.
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.....	Sept. 25, 1849	3d Fri. in each month.	4th Friday in June
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.....	Oct. 10, 1855	1st Wed. after full moon each month.	Reg. Conclave in Oct.
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.....	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wed. in each month.	Reg. Conclave in Oct.
Milford.....	11	Milford, Mass.....	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Mon. in each month.	4th Monday in Sept.
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.....	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wed. in each month.	2d Wednesday in Oct.
Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.....	May 22, 1860	3d Tues. in each month.	3d Tuesday in Sept.
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.....	May 12, 1863	2d Tues. in each month.	2d Tuesday in Oct.
Old Colony.....	15	Arlington, Mass.....	Oct. 26, 1863	4th Mon. in each month.	4th Monday in Sept.
Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.....	May 5, 1864	1st Thurs. in each month.	1st Thursday in Oct.
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.....	Oct. 28, 1864	Last Mon. in each month.	Last Monday in Sept.
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.....	Mar. 3, 1865	3d Thurs. in each month.	3d Thursday in Oct.
Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass.....	Mar. 8, 1865	3d Thurs. in each month.	3d Thursday in Sept.
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.....	Mar. 27, 1865	2d Wed. in each month.	2d Wednesday in Sept.
St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass.....	Sept. 30, 1865	3d Mon. in each month.	3d Monday in Oct.
Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass.....	Dec. 22, 1865	2d Mon. in each month.	2d Monday in Oct.
Connecticut Valley.....	23	Greenfield, Mass.....	Dec. 22, 1866	1st Tues. in each month.	1st Tuesday in Oct.
Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.....	Jan. 31, 1867	2d Tues. in each month.	2d Tuesday in Oct.
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	Fall River, Mass.....	May 29, 1868	3d Wed. in each month.	3d Wednesday in Sept.
Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.....	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Mon. in each month.	1st Monday in June
Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.....	May 12, 1869	1st Wed. in each month.	1st Wednesday in Oct.
William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass.....	May 12, 1870	2d Thurs. in each month.	2d Thursday in Oct.
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.....	May 28, 1870	1st Fri. in each month.	Stated Conclave in Sept.
Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass.....	June 2, 1870	2d Mon. in each month.	2d Monday in Sept.
South Shore.....	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.....	June 9, 1870	2d Mon. in each month.	Reg. Conclave in Sept.
Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.....	April 8, 1871	3d Wed. in each month.	Reg. Conclave in Sept.
Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.....	April 12, 1871	2d Mon. in each month.	2d Monday in Sept.
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass.....	Oct. 14, 1871	3d Tues. in each month.	3d Tuesday in Nov.
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass.....	May 20, 1872	4th Tues. in each month.	4th Tuesday in June
Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.....	Mar. 13, 1873	1st Wed. in each month.	1st Wednesday in Oct.
Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.....	June 7, 1873	1st Wed. in each month.	1st Wednesday in Sept.
Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.....	Sept. 13, 1873	3d Mon. in each month.	3d Monday in Sept.
Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.....	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Thurs. in each month.	4th Thursday in Sept.
St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass.....	Jan. 19, 1882	2d Fri. in each month.	2d Friday in Sept.
Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.....	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Mon. in each month.	4th Monday in Sept.
Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.....	May 28, 1890	4th Tues. in each month.	4th Tuesday in Sept.
Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.....	Oct. 29, 1890	2d Mon. in each month.	2d Monday in Sept.
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.....	Mar. 19, 1892	2d Thurs. in each month.	2d Thursday in Oct.
Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.....	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Fri. in each month.	Last Friday in Sept.
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.....	Oct. 31, 1896	2d Thurs. in each month.	2d Thursday in Sept.
Quincy.....	47	Quincy, Mass.....	Feb. 20, 1911	4th Mon. in each month.	4th Monday in Sept.

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. of Commandery	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY	Knights	Affiliated	Restored	Suspended	Dimitted	Expelled	Died	No. of Members in 1910	No. of Members in 1911	Gain	Loss	Amount paid to Grand Commandery
St. Johns.....	1	Providence R.I.....	42	...	...	1	1	...	13	919	946	27	...	\$446 50
Boston.....	12	Boston, Mass.....	45	...	...	1	8	...	29	1,076	1,085	9	...	496 25
Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.....	9	...	...	...	1	...	2	211	217	6	...	99 25
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.....	12	...	...	...	...	...	8	214	218	4	...	109 50
Worcester County.....	5	Worcester, Mass.....	42	4	2	1	3	...	14	619	649	30	...	372 25
Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass.....	52	3	2	3	3	...	29	878	900	22	...	485 00
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.....	21	1	...	5	4	...	15	880	878	...	2	324 50
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.....	17	1	...	...	1	...	8	356	365	9	...	176 25
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.....	23	2	...	2	4	...	14	459	458	...	1	104 50
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.....	19	...	...	...	3	...	5	311	322	11	...	190 50
Milford.....	11	Milford, Mass.....	6	...	...	6	5	...	6	235	224	...	11	81 00
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.....	9	...	...	...	...	...	4	109	116	...	...	74 00
Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.....	37	...	...	1	...	...	11	571	596	25	...	334 00
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.....	10	...	...	...	2	...	10	289	287	...	12	121 75
Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.....	8	...	...	...	1	...	6	233	234	1	...	98 50
Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.....	23	...	...	1	3	...	7	416	428	12	...	242 00
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.....	20	...	...	1	4	...	7	364	372	8	...	198 00
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.....	11	...	...	5	3	...	8	263	258	...	5	119 50
Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass.....	10	1	...	1	3	...	5	327	329	2	...	131 50
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.....	20	1	...	...	3	...	14	492	496	4	...	224 00
St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass.....	30	...	...	...	1	...	4	330	355	25	...	238 75
Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass.....	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	276	278	2	...	93 50
Connecticut Valley.....	23	Greenfield, Mass.....	8	1	...	2	...	...	4	287	240	3	...	100 00
Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.....	6	...	...	...	2	...	11	346	339	...	7	114 75
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	Fall River, Mass.....	24	1	...	8	3	...	6	364	372	8	...	207 00
Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.....	18	4	...	6	5	...	13	505	503	...	2	215 75
Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.....	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	156	159	3	...	59 75
William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass.....	10	...	...	...	4	...	3	313	316	3	...	124 00
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.....	14	...	...	...	3	...	5	286	292	6	...	143 00
Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass.....	12	2	...	...	2	...	6	211	217	6	...	114 25
South Shore.....	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.....	11	1	2	8	171	...	3	368	200	...	168	105 00
Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.....	16	...	...	6	3	...	10	280	277	...	3	149 25
Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.....	10	...	...	1	3	...	5	204	207	3	...	101 75
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass.....	28	...	...	8	10	...	11	561	560	...	1	290 00
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass.....	32	2	...	...	7	...	5	402	424	22	...	266 00
Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.....	25	4	...	1	3	...	2	367	390	23	...	207 50
Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.....	11	2	...	1	1	...	3	182	190	8	...	102 00
Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.....	11	1	...	...	3	...	4	452	457	5	...	169 25
Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.....	15	1	...	3	1	...	4	302	310	8	...	152 50
St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass.....	18	...	...	3	3	...	2	201	211	10	...	142 75
Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.....	13	2	...	...	3	...	5	377	384	7	...	156 00
Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.....	35	3	...	5	10	1	4	412	430	18	...	282 50
Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.....	16	...	...	...	1	...	1	121	135	14	...	113 75
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.....	8	...	...	1	...	...	3	138	142	4	...	75 50
Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.....	7	...	...	1	1	...	3	139	141	2	...	70 25
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.....	9	...	...	1	2	...	2	131	135	4	...	78 75
Quincy.....	47	Quincy, Mass.....	20	182	...	...	...	...	...	...	202	202	...	185 50
Totals.....			851	223	7	88	294	1	337	16,883	17,244	563	202	\$8,617 75

NUMERICAL STANDING OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, OCTOBER 26, 1911

Numerical Order	COMMANDERY	Number	LOCATION	Members
1	Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.....	1,085
2	St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.....	946
3	Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass.....	900
4	De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.....	878
5	Worcester County.....	5	Worcester, Mass.....	649
6	Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.....	596
7	Cœur de Lion.....	14	Charlestown, Mass.....	560
8	Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.....	503
9	Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.....	496
10	Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.....	458
11	Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.....	457
12	Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.....	430
13	Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.....	428
14	Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass.....	424
15	Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.....	390
16	Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.....	384
17	Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	Fall River, Mass.....	372
18	Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.....	372
19	Holy Sepulchre.....	20	Pawtucket, R.I.....	365
20	St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass.....	355
21	Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.....	339
22	Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass.....	329
23	Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.....	322
24	William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass.....	316
25	Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.....	310
26	Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.....	292
27	Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.....	287
28	Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass.....	278
29	Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.....	277
30	Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.....	258
31	Connecticut Valley.....	23	Greenfield, Mass.....	240
32	Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.....	234
33	Milford.....	11	Milford, Mass.....	224
34	Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.....	218
35	Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.....	217
36	Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass.....	217
37	St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass.....	211
38	Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.....	207
39	Quincy.....	47	Quincy, Mass.....	202
40	South Shore.....	31	Weymouth, Mass.....	200
41	Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.....	190
42	Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.....	159
43	St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.....	142
44	Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.....	141
45	Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.....	135
46	Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.....	135
47	St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.....	116
Total.....				17,244

TABLE OF AMOUNTS PAID BY COMMANDERIES FOR ANNUAL DUES FOR 1911

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. of Commandery	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY	AMOUNT PAID	GAIN OVER 1910	LOSS OVER 1910
St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.....	\$446 50		\$63 25
Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.....	496 25		77 75
Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.....	99 25	\$11 50	
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.....	109 50		19 00
Worcester County.....	5	Worcester, Mass.....	372 25	127 50	
Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass.....	485 00	5 50	
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.....	324 50		75 50
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.....	176 25		19 50
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.....	194 50		30 25
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.....	190 50	37 75	
Milford.....	11	Milford, Mass.....	81 00		7 75
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.....	74 00	6 75	
Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.....	334 00	1 25	
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.....	121 75	14 50	
Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.....	98 50		14 75
Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.....	242 00	63 00	
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.....	198 00	59 00	
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.....	119 50		31 25
Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass.....	131 50		49 50
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.....	224 00	6 00	
St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass.....	238 75	56 25	
Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass.....	93 50		108 50
Connecticut Valley.....	23	Greenfield, Mass.....	100 00		9 25
Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.....	114 75	8 25	
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	Fall River, Mass.....	207 00	1 50	
Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.....	215 75		5 50
Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.....	59 75	10 75	
William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass.....	124 00	5 75	
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.....	143 00		18 50
Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass.....	114 25		18 50
South Shore.....	31	East Weymouth, Mass.....	105 00		107 00
Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.....	149 25	24 25	
Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.....	101 75	15 75	
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass.....	290 00	39 75	
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass.....	266 00	30 25	
Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.....	207 50	25 75	
Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.....	102 00		88 00
Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.....	169 25		53 75
Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.....	152 50	7 00	
St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass.....	142 75	62 00	
Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.....	156 00		88 25
Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.....	282 50		20 50
Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.....	113 75	43 50	
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.....	75 50	26 00	
Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.....	70 25	5 50	
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.....	78 75		69 00
Quincy.....	47	Quincy, Mass.....	185 00	185 50	

STATISTICAL TABLE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	YEAR	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	Number Knighted	Number Affiliated	Number Restored	Number Dismitted	Number Suspended	Number Expelled	Number Died	Number of Subordinates	Number of Members	Gain over Last Report
Alabama.....	1911	Nov. 29, 1860	146	14	16	26	40	...	15	20	1,305	95
Arizona.....	1911	Nov. 16, 1893	25	2	1	...	7	...	4	4	429	9
Arkansas.....	1911	Mar. 23, 1872	154	5	11	26	13	...	20	20	1,168	109
California.....	1911	Aug. 10, 1858	311	139	17	109	61	...	125	50	6,735	172
Colorado.....	1910	Mar. 14, 1876	167	7	7	40	43	3	40	29	2,439	95
Connecticut.....	1911	Sept. 13, 1827	186	2	8	6	13	...	88	11	3,886	99
District of Columbia.....	1911	Jan. 14, 1896	41	10	5	37	20	...	34	5	1,708	35
Florida.....	1911	Aug. 15, 1895	86	7	5	26	15	...	16	15	1,090	41
Georgia.....	1911	April 25, 1870	292	41	11	63	80	2	39	28	2,609	160
Idaho.....	1911	Aug. 31, 1904	55	45	...	17	3	...	4	10	611	76
Illinois.....	1910	Oct. 27, 1857	1,256	170	43	234	13	1	236	75	16,036	993
Indiana.....	1911	May 16, 1854	483	66	18	99	56	4	98	55	6,839	310
Indian Territory.....	1911	Dec. 27, 1895	115	67	...	21	13	1	9	14	697	140
Iowa.....	1911	June 6, 1864	365	47	33	124	59	1	108	57	6,213	153
Kansas.....	1911	Dec. 29, 1868	426	77	20	125	48	...	68	54	5,508	257
Kentucky.....	1911	Oct. 15, 1847	324	68	9	137	98	1	58	33	4,427	107
Louisiana.....	1911	Feb. 12, 1864	89	7	...	12	5	1	11	10	898	67
Maine.....	1910	May 5, 1852	214	9	4	26	39	...	83	23	5,317	79
Maryland.....	1911	Jan. 23, 1871	95	...	1	11	3	...	13	13	1,949	76
Mass. and Rhode Island.....	...	May 6, 1895	851	223	7	294	88	1	337	47	17,244	361
Michigan.....	1911	April 5, 1857	520	50	14	102	56	2	162	49	8,352	261
Minnesota.....	1911	Oct. 23, 1865	285	36	3	65	46	1	65	30	4,239	147
Mississippi.....	1911	Jan. 21, 1857	218	15	11	24	29	1	19	26	1,882	171
Missouri.....	1911	May 22, 1860	595	109	45	145	82	6	100	62	6,535	414
Montana.....	1911	May 14, 1888	84	14	2	11	11	...	12	14	1,061	66
Nebraska.....	1911	Dec. 27, 1871	144	24	29	76	20	...	34	29	2,511	67
New Hampshire.....	1910	June 13, 1826	147	...	3	23	18	...	62	11	2,650	47
New Jersey.....	1911	Feb. 14, 1860	221	8	10	29	55	1	59	19	3,270	95
New Mexico.....	1910	Aug. 21, 1901	34	6	...	8	5	...	12	10	580	15
New York.....	1911	Jan. 18, 1814	1,197	88	56	152	248	3	343	63	21,137	595
North Carolina.....	1911	May 10, 1881	101	32	1	31	18	...	10	19	1,201	75
North Dakota.....	1911	Jan. 16, 1890	130	9	6	16	20	1	18	13	1,300	90
Ohio.....	1910	Oct. 24, 1843	981	38	80	125	132	8	213	64	15,055	641
Oklahoma.....	1911	Feb. 10, 1896	155	32	3	26	15	...	20	20	1,235	143
Oregon.....	1910	April 13, 1884	97	45	1	10	...	...	15	14	1,307	118
Pennsylvania.....	1911	April 12, 1854	1,100	93	...	132	186	2	329	87	21,517	635
South Carolina.....	1910	Mar. 25, 1907	130	10	6	12	12	1	10	8	1,201	111
South Dakota.....	1910	May 14, 1884	190	26	3	35	9	...	13	22	1,539	135
Tennessee.....	1911	Oct. 12, 1859	98	25	6	21	17	...	27	15	1,498	58
Texas.....	1911	Jan. 18, 1855	498	101	17	119	48	4	63	55	5,282	382
Utah.....	1911	Mar. 18, 1910	12	1	...	1	...	...	6	3	398	3
Vermont.....	1911	June 27, 1824	115	3	...	16	2	2	52	13	2,579	46
Virginia.....	1910	Nov. 27, 1823	199	13	4	41	32	4	41	24	3,047	98
Washington.....	1910	June 2, 1887	140	62	2	19	23	...	20	13	1,768	142
West Virginia.....	1911	Feb. 25, 1874	264	38	7	46	47	...	40	20	3,278	176
Wisconsin.....	1910	Oct. 20, 1859	364	41	12	69	26	1	83	33	4,592	238
Wyoming.....	1911	Mar. 8, 1888	42	2	...	11	4	...	6	8	576	23
Grand Encampment, U.S.....	1910	June 21, 1816	69	4	...	9	5	...	14	7	921	45
Totals in United States.....	...	...	13,809	1,931	537	2,807	1,883	53	3,254	1,324	207,619	...
Canada.....	1910	...	589	84	15	104	59	...	50	54	5,818	475
England and Wales.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132	3,200	...
Ireland.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	1,250	...
Scotland.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	625	...
Victoria, Australia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	200	...
Total in the World.....	...	...	14,398	2,015	552	2,911	1,942	53	3,304	1,580	218,712	...

RANK OF GRAND COMMANDERIES BY DATE OF ORGANIZATION

GRAND COMMANDERY	DATE ORGANIZED
Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	1805
New York	1814
Virginia	1823
Vermont.....	1824
New Hampshire	1826
Connecticut	1827
Ohio	1843
Kentucky.....	1847
Maine	1852
Pennsylvania.....	1854
Indiana	1854
Texas	1855
Illinois	1857
Michigan	1857
Mississippi	1857
California	1858
Tennessee.....	1859
Wisconsin	1859
Alabama	1860
Missouri	1860
New Jersey	1860
Iowa	1864
Louisiana	1864
Minnesota	1865
Kansas	1868
Georgia.....	1870
Maryland	1871
Nebraska	1871
Arkansas	1872
West Virginia	1874
Colorado.....	1876
North Carolina	1881
Oregon	1884
South Dakota	1884
Washington	1888
Wyoming	1888
Montana.....	1888
North Dakota	1890
Arizona	1893
Florida	1895
Indian Territory	1895
District of Columbia	1896
Oklahoma	1896
New Mexico	1901
Idaho	1904
South Carolina	1907
Utah	1911

NUMERICAL RANK OF GRAND COMMANDERIES FROM THE LATEST RETURNS

Standing	GRAND COMMANDERY	MEMBERSHIP
1	Pennsylvania.....	21,517
2	New York.....	21,037
3	Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	17,294
4	Illinois.....	16,036
5	Ohio.....	15,055
6	Michigan.....	8,352
7	Indiana.....	6,839
8	California.....	6,735
9	Missouri.....	6,535
10	Iowa.....	6,213
11	Kansas.....	5,508
12	Maine.....	5,317
13	Texas.....	5,282
14	Wisconsin.....	4,592
15	Kentucky.....	4,427
16	Minnesota.....	4,239
17	Connecticut.....	3,886
18	New Jersey.....	3,270
19	Virginia.....	3,047
20	New Hampshire.....	2,650
21	Georgia.....	2,609
22	Vermont.....	2,579
23	Nebraska.....	2,511
24	Colorado.....	2,439
25	Maryland.....	1,949
26	Mississippi.....	1,882
27	Washington.....	1,768
28	District of Columbia.....	1,708
29	South Dakota.....	1,539
30	Tennessee.....	1,498
31	Oregon.....	1,307
32	Alabama.....	1,305
33	North Dakota.....	1,300
34	Oklahoma.....	1,235
35	North Carolina.....	1,201
36	South Carolina.....	1,201
37	Arkansas.....	1,168
38	Florida.....	1,090
39	Montana.....	1,061
40	Grand Encampment.....	921
41	Louisiana.....	898
42	Indian Territory.....	697
43	Idaho.....	611
44	New Mexico.....	580
45	Wyoming.....	576
46	Arizona.....	429
47	Utah.....	398

COMMANDERIES HAVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN EACH JURISDICTION

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	NAME OF COMMANDERY	MEMBERSHIP
Alabama	Cyrene, No. 10	340
Arizona	Ivanhoe, No. 2	118
Arkansas	Jacques De Molay, No. 3	121
California	California, No. 1	642
Colorado	Colorado, No. 1	489
Connecticut	Washington, No. 1	1,048
District of Columbia	Columbia, No. 2	606
Florida	Damascus, No. 2	224
Georgia	Cœur de Lion, No. 4	407
Idaho	Idaho, No. 1	138
Illinois	Apollo, No. 1	1,131
Indiana	Rapier, No. 1	893
Indian Territory	Ardmore, No. 5	109
Iowa	Temple, No. 4	350
Kansas	Topeka, No. 5	516
Kentucky	De Molay, No. 12	707
Louisiana	Jacques De Molay, No. 2	212
Maine	Lewiston, No. 6	470
Maryland	Beauseant, No. 8	412
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Boston, No. 2	1,085
Michigan	Detroit, No. 1	775
Minnesota	Zion, No. 2	633
Mississippi	Cyrene	235
Missouri	St. Aldemar, No. 18	634
Montana	Montana, No. 3	175
Nebraska	Mt. Calvary, No. 1	450
New Hampshire	Trinity, No. 1	364
New Jersey	Cyrene, No. 7	313
New Mexico	Pilgrim, No. 3	143
New York	Palestine, No. 18	954
North Carolina	Charlotte, No. 2	117
North Dakota	Auvergne, No. 2	299
Ohio	Toledo, No. 7	700
Oklahoma	Oklahoma, No. 2	208
Oregon	Oregon, No. 1	352
Pennsylvania	Mary, No. 36	1,526
South Carolina	Columbia, No. 2	359
South Dakota	Cyrene, No. 2	252
Tennessee	Memphis, No. 4	230
Texas	Worth, No. 18	307
Utah	Utah, No. 1	196
Vermont	Killington, No. 7	400
Virginia	Grice, No. 16	271
Washington	Seattle, No. 2	433
West Virginia	Kanawha, No. 4	447
Wisconsin	Ivanhoe, No. 24	582
Wyoming	Wyoming, No. 1	106
Canada	Godfrey de St. Aldemar, No. 2	302

DIPLOMAS DELIVERED TO COMMANDERIES

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No.	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY	
St. Johns	1	Providence, R.I.	42
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.	42
Newburyport	3	Newburyport, Mass.	10
Washington	4	Newport, R.I.	24
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.	
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.	35
De Molay	7	Boston, Mass.	10
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R.I.	20
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.	22
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass.	24
Milford	11	Milford, Mass.	5
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.	9
Calvary	13	Providence, R.I.	37
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass.	9
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.	8
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.	24
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass.	21
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.	11
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.	10
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass.	20
St. Omer	21	Dorchester, Mass.	36
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.	
Connecticut Valley	23	Greenfield, Mass.	12
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R.I.	6
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.	24
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.	18
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R.I.	
William Parkman	28	East Boston, Mass.	10
Bristol	29	Attleboro, Mass.	12
Northampton	30	Northampton, Mass.	19
South Shore	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.	11
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass.	16
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.	7
Cœur de Lion	34	Charlestown, Mass.	22
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.	32
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.	32
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.	
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass.	12
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.	15
St. Paul	40	North Adams, Mass.	16
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.	7
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.	35
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.	17
St. George	44	Beverly, Mass.	8
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.	7
Ivanhoe	46	Gardner, Mass.	9
Quincy	47	Quincy, Mass.	20
Total			796

REPORT OF INSPECTIONS

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. of Commandery	DATE OF INSPECTION	NAME AND RANK OF INSPECTING OFFICER
St. Johns.....	1	April 3, 1911	E. Sir Frederick I. Dana, Grand Junior Warden
Boston.....	2	March 11, 1911	E. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Generalissimo
Newburyport.....	3	April 20, 1911	E. Sir William H. Emerson, Grand Sword Bearer
Washington.....	4	April 26, 1911	E. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Generalissimo
Worcester County..	5	March 2, 1911	E. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Generalissimo
Springfield.....	6	March 27, 1911	E. Sir William W. Johnson, Grand Captain General
De Molay.....	7	March 22, 1911	E. Sir Walter F. Medding, Grand Senior Warden
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Feb. 17, 1911	E. Sir Frederick I. Dana, Grand Junior Warden
Pilgrim.....	9	April 19, 1911	E. Sir Frederick I. Dana, Grand Junior Warden
Palestine.....	10	May 10, 1911	E. Sir Walter F. Medding, Grand Senior Warden
Milford.....	11	April 24, 1911	E. Sir Henry H. Litchfield, Grand Lecturer
St. Bernard.....	12	Feb. 8, 1911	E. Sir William W. Johnson, Grand Captain General
Calvary.....	13	April 18, 1911	V. E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair, Deputy Grand Commander
Haverhill.....	14	April 11, 1911	E. Sir Walter F. Medding, Grand Senior Warden
Old Colony.....	15	March 27, 1911	V. E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair, Deputy Grand Commander
Sutton.....	16	Feb. 2, 1911	E. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Generalissimo
Bethany.....	17	April 24, 1911	E. Sir William W. Johnson, Grand Captain General
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Feb. 16, 1911	V. E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair, Deputy Grand Commander
Joseph Warren.....	19	April 20, 1911	E. Sir William J. Bolton, Deputy Grand Commander
Hugh de Payens.....	20	March 8, 1911	E. Sir Walter F. Medding, Grand Senior Warden
St. Omer.....	21	March 20, 1911	E. Sir Frederick I. Dana, Grand Junior Warden
Berkshire.....	22	June 12, 1911	E. Sir Henry H. Litchfield, Grand Lecturer
Connecticut Valley..	23	April 11, 1911	E. Sir William W. Johnson, Grand Captain General
Woonsocket.....	24	March 14, 1911	E. Sir William H. Emerson, Grand Sword Bearer
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	March 29, 1911	E. Sir Samuel D. Sherwood, Grand Standard Bearer
Joseph Warren.....	26	May 1, 1911	E. Sir Everett C. Benton, Grand Lecturer
Narragansett.....	27	May 3, 1911	E. Sir Samuel D. Sherwood, Grand Standard Bearer
William Parkman.....	28	March 9, 1911	E. Sir Frank T. Pearce, Grand Lecturer
Bristol.....	29	March 3, 1911	E. Sir William H. Emerson, Grand Sword Bearer
Northampton.....	30	May 8, 1911	E. Sir Arthur W. Beckford, Grand Lecturer
South Shore.....	31	April 10, 1911	E. Sir Henry H. Litchfield, Grand Lecturer
Trinity.....	32	Feb. 15, 1911	E. Sir Frank T. Pearce, Grand Lecturer
Natick.....	33	April 12, 1911	V. E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair, Deputy Grand Commander
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Feb. 21, 1911	E. Sir Arthur W. Beckford, Grand Lecturer
Gethsemane.....	35	Jan. 24, 1911	E. Sir Everett C. Benton, Grand Lecturer
Olivet.....	36	April 5, 1911	E. Sir William J. Bolton, Grand Lecturer
Athol.....	37	March 1, 1911	E. Sir Henry H. Litchfield, Grand Lecturer
Bay State.....	38	Feb. 20, 1911	E. Sir Frank T. Pearce, Grand Lecturer
Cyprus.....	39	Jan. 26, 1911	E. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Grand Generalissimo
St. Paul.....	40	April 14, 1911	E. Sir Samuel D. Sherwood, Grand Standard Bearer
Beauseant.....	41	Feb. 27, 1911	E. Sir Isaac Chase, Grand Lecturer
Cambridge.....	42	March 28, 1911	E. Sir Isaac Chase, Grand Lecturer
Bethlehem.....	43	March 13, 1911	E. Sir Arthur W. Beckford, Grand Lecturer
St. George.....	44	March 9, 1911	V. E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair, Deputy Grand Commander
Orange.....	45	April 27, 1911	E. Sir Isaac Chase, Grand Lecturer
Ivanhoe.....	46	May 18, 1911	E. Sir William J. Bolton, Grand Lecturer.

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NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number of Commandery	Members in Knight Templar Uniform present at Conclave	Members not in Uniform	Visitors present other than the Suite	Inspecting Officer and his Suite	Total present	Members paying Dues	Life Members	Members exempted by the By-Laws	Members exempted by Vote	Total Active Membership	Honorary Members (not active)
St. Johns.....	1	345	1	32	71	449	794	139	.....	.....	933	....
Boston.....	2	171	77	119	90	457	734	349	.....	.....	1083	....
Newburyport.....	3	57	6	3	11	77	206	.....	3	4	213	....
Washington.....	4	53	11	12	7	83	212	2	.....	4	218	....
Worcester County..	5	90	14	11	12	127	388	231	.....	.....	619	1
Springfield.....	6	162	17	13	26	218	840	19	23	.....	882	1
De Molay.....	7	216	.....	91	44	362	738	123	19	.....	880	....
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	125	3	56	23	207	308	48	.....	2	358	....
Pilgrim.....	9	144	12	9	19	184	409	10	4	48	471	1
Palestine.....	10	46	17	29	17	109	295	5	12	5	317	....
Milford.....	11	35	7	9	9	60	213	12	3	.....	228	1
St. Bernard.....	12	41	.....	2	18	61	108	1	1	4	114	8
Calvary.....	13	190	1	49	29	269	539	40	.....	6	585	1
Haverhill.....	14	93	10	19	21	143	261	24	4	.....	289	....
Old Colony.....	15	43	.....	6	10	59	227	.....	5	.....	232	4
Sutton.....	16	90	11	13	20	134	386	35	1	.....	422	1
Bethany.....	17	55	14	8	7	84	285	73	.....	.....	358	....
Winslow Lewis.....	18	59	13	11	20	103	253	1	9	.....	263	....
Jerusalem.....	19	79	8	13	7	107	301	19	3	6	329	3
Hugh de Payens.....	20	156	21	62	23	262	424	18	49	1	492	....
St. Omer.....	21	53	30	38	23	144	274	51	.....	5	230	....
Berkshire.....	22	27	26	4	4	61	275	.....	.....	.....	275	1
Connecticut Valley..	23	46	7	4	8	65	227	.....	2	6	235	....
Woonsocket.....	24	65	5	18	10	98	334	.....	4	.....	338	....
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	112	47	24	12	195	367	16	3	.....	386	....
Joseph Warren.....	26	110	15	56	35	216	427	70	15	1	513	4
Narragansett.....	27	56	7	72	14	149	157	2	.....	.....	159	....
William Parkman.....	28	72	20	33	20	145	281	13	15	4	313	....
Bristol.....	29	104	19	25	14	162	280	3	3	.....	286	....
Northampton.....	30	40	30	6	8	84	202	2	2	5	211	2
South Shore.....	31	72	17	26	30	145	163	13	12	2	190	5
Trinity.....	32	58	11	9	8	86	276	3	.....	1	280	....
Natick.....	33	82	36	30	30	178	190	5	4	.....	199	....
Cœur de Lion.....	34	230	5	53	25	313	522	19	14	.....	555	....
Gethsemane.....	35	142	2	45	47	236	400	13	.....	.....	413	2
Olivet.....	36	48	19	24	19	110	321	43	3	.....	367	....
Athol.....	37	47	14	7	8	76	178	.....	1	4	183	1
Bay State.....	38	77	9	11	14	111	401	48	.....	3	452	....
Cyprus.....	39	101	14	40	24	179	299	1	1	.....	301	....
St. Paul.....	40	68	26	5	9	108	200	.....	.....	1	201	1
Beauseant.....	41	112	6	60	56	234	355	6	16	.....	377	5
Cambridge.....	42	129	29	108	69	335	388	24	3	.....	415	6
Bethlehem.....	43	58	.....	7	17	82	120	1	.....	.....	121	....
St. George.....	44	45	4	7	4	60	141				141	2
Orange.....	45	47	14	24	6	91	139				139	
Ivanhoe.....	46	36	1	5	9	51	127	1			128	2

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NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number of Commandery	Number of Knight Templar Regalias owned by Mem- bers of the Commandery	Number of Templar Coats owned by Members	The Order Exempli- fied	Rendition of Ritual	Floor Work	The Military Appearance was	The Military Movements were
St. Johns.....	1	680	430	Red Cross	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Boston.....	2	600	500	Red Cross	Excellent..	Very good.	Excellent..	Very good
Newburyport.....	3	195	195	Red Cross	Fair.....	Fair.....	Fair.....	Fair
Washington.....	4	193	120	Temple..	Very good.	Good.....	Very good.	Good
Worcester County..	5	400	250	Red Cross	Excellent..	Good.....	Very good.	Good
Springfield.....	6	676	370	Temple..	Very good.	Excellent..	Excellent..	Very good
De Molay.....	7	537	508	Temple..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Holy Sepulchre....	8	348	324	Temple..	Excellent..	Very good.	Very good.	Good
Pilgrim.....	9	385	281	Red Cross	Very good.	Very good.	Very good.	Very good
Palestine.....	10	93	157	Temple..	Very good.	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Milford.....	11	191	144	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good
St. Bernard.....	12	110	60	Red Cross	Very good.	Good.....	Very good.	Very good
Calvary.....	13	535	535	Temple..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Haverhill.....	14	259	259	Red Cross	Very good.	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Old Colony.....	15	157	155	Red Cross	Very good.	Very good.	Excellent..	Excellent
Sutton.....	16	315	210	Red Cross	Very good.	Good.....	Very good.	Good
Bethany.....	17	310	245	Red Cross	Good.....	Very good.	Very good.	Good
Winslow Lewis.....	18	219	164	Red Cross	Excellent..	Very good.	Excellent..	Good
Jerusalem.....	19	310	315	Temple..	Very good.	Good.....	Good.....	Very good
Hugh de Payens....	20	305	305	Red Cross	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
St. Omer.....	21	210	...	Red Cross	Fair.....	Fair.....	Fair.....	Fair
Berkshire.....	22	216	200	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Connecticut Valley..	23	150	124	*	Fair.....	Fair.....	Fair.....	Fair
Woonsocket.....	24	196	180	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	209	201	Temple..	Very good.	Very good.	Excellent..	Very good
Joseph Warren.....	26	300	300	Temple..	Very good.	Very good.	Excellent..	Very good
Narragansett.....	27	114	60	Temple..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
William Parkman...	28	146	128	Red Cross	Very good.	Good.....	Good.....	Good
Bristol.....	29	201	201	Red Cross	*	*	*	*
Northampton.....	30	150	75	Temple..	Very good.	Very good.	Very good.	Very good
South Shore.....	31	118	104	Temple..	Excellent..	Very good.	Excellent..	Good
Trinity.....	32	200	100	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Good.....	Fair
Natick.....	33	150	100	Red Cross	Good.....	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Cœur de Lion.....	34	343	362	Red Cross	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Gethsemane.....	35	352	299	Temple..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Olivet.....	36	329	285	Red Cross	Very good.	Very good.	Excellent..	Excellent
Athol.....	37	135	100	Temple..	Very good.	Very good.	Very good.	Very good
Bay State.....	38	339	339	Temple..	Excellent..	Very good.	Very good.	Very good
Cyprus.....	39	180	170	Temple..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Very good
St. Paul.....	40	178	158	Temple..	Very good.	Very good.	Very good.	Very good
Beauseant.....	41	292	292	Temple..	Excellent..	Excellent..	Very good.	Excellent
Cambridge.....	42	235	235	Red Cross	Very good.	Excellent..	Excellent..	Excellent
Bethlehem.....	43	109	108	Red Cross	Excellent..	Very good.	Very good.	Very good
St. George.....	44	125	125	Red Cross	Good.....	Good.....	Very good.	Good
Orange.....	45	112	112	Red Cross	Very good.	Very good.	Very good.	Excellent
Ivanhoe.....	46	104	104	Temple..	Good.....	Very good.	Good.....	Very good

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NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number of Commandery	ORDERS CON- FERRED YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1910			Fee for the Orders	Fee for Membership	Fee for Life Members	Annual Dues	Appearance of the Charter
		Red Cross	Knight Templar	Knight of Malta					
St. Johns.....	1	56	56	56	\$100 00	\$10 00	\$60 00	\$4 00	Excellent
Boston.....	2	61	64	64	75 00	50 00	120 00	8 00	Very good
Newburyport.....	3	7	7	6	50 00	10 00	100 00	4 00	Excellent
Washington.....	4	15	15	12	100 00	3 00	75 00	5 00	Very good
Worcester County..	5	18	18	19	75 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Springfield.....	6	52	52	52	95 00	10 00	75 00	4 00	Excellent
De Molay.....	7	36	36	36	75 00	50 00	120 00	8 00	Excellent
Holy Sepulchre....	8	21	23	23	100 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Good
Pilgrim.....	9	29	22	21	125 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Good
Palestine.....	10	15	20	18	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Very good
Milford.....	11	5	5	5	40 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Good
St. Bernard.....	12	8	8	8	100 00	25 00	250 00	15 00	Excellent
Calvary.....	13	38	38	38	100 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	*
Haverhill.....	14	7	7	7	125 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Old Colony.....	15	11	11	11	45 00	5 00	50 00	3 00	Fair
Sutton.....	16	15	15	16	100 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	Excellent
Bethany.....	17	11	11	11	50 00	10 00	75 00	3 00	Good
Winslow Lewis.....	18	17	17	17	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Good
Jerusalem.....	19	22	22	22	40 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Very good
Hugh de Payens....	20	19	19	19	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Good
St. Omer.....	21	20	20	20	75 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Good
Berkshire.....	22	29	29	28	40 00	5 00	100 00	5 00	Good
Connecticut Valley..	23	9	9	8	40 00	5 00	.....	2 00	Very good
Woonsocket.....	24	4	4	4	100 00	15 00	50 00	2 00	Excellent
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	24	24	24	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Good
Joseph Warren.....	26	19	21	21	50 00	15 00	120 00	8 00	Excellent
Narragansett.....	27	2	2	2	50 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	Excellent
William Parkman...	28	8	8	8	50 00	15 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Bristol.....	29	18	18	19	100 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	*
Northampton.....	30	16	16	16	40 00	5 00	60 00	4 00	Excellent
South Shore.....	31	24	24	24	40 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	Very good
Trinity.....	32	11	11	11	40 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	Very good
Natick.....	33	7	7	7	40 00	10 00	60 00	4 00	Excellent
Cœur de Lion.....	34	22	22	22	50 00	10 00	105 00	7 00	Very good
Gethsemane.....	35	17	17	17	95 00	10 00	120 00	8 00	Good
Olivet.....	36	15	15	15	125 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Very good
Athol.....	37	29	29	30	30 00	5 00	75 00	5 00	Excellent
Bay State.....	38	22	22	22	50 00	5 00	60 00	4 00	Excellent
Cyprus.....	39	14	14	14	40 00	5 00	75 00	5 00	Very good
St. Paul.....	40	6	6	6	40 00	5 00	60 00	4 00	Excellent
Beauseant.....	41	29	29	29	50 00	10 00	80 00	5 00	Good
Cambridge.....	42	40	40	40	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	*
Bethlehem.....	43	8	8	8	50 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Very good
St. George.....	44	7	7	7	50 00	10 00	.....	5 00	Excellent
Orange.....	45	6	6	6	30 00	5 00		3 00	Good
Ivanhoe.....	46	23	23	23	40 00	10 00	75 00	5 00	Very good

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NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number of Commandery	Has the Commandery Work- ing Copy of Charter?	How are the Records kept and their Appearance?	Do By-Laws bear Seal of Grand Commandery?	Has the Commandery a Permanent Fund?	Red Cross and Temple Rituals in Possession of the Proper Officers	
St. Johns.....	1	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2839	3840
Boston.....	2	No	Very good...	Yes	Yes	1500	2842
Newburyport.....	3	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2843	2844 4152
Washington.....	4	No	Good.....	Yes	Yes	2845	2846
Worcester County.....	5	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2847	2848
Springfield.....	6	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	1706	2850
De Molay.....	7	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	1428	2851
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2853	2854
Pilgrim.....	9	Yes	Good.....	Yes	Yes	2855	2856
Palestine.....	10	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2857	
Milford.....	11	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2859	2860
St. Bernard.....	12	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	1015	2861
Calvary.....	13	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2863	2864
Haverhill.....	14	No	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2866	4130
Old Colony.....	15	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	424	2867
Sutton.....	16	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2869	2870
Bethany.....	17	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2871	2872
Winslow Lewis.....	18	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	445	2873 2874
Jerusalem.....	19	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2876	2875
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2877	2878
St. Omer.....	21	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2879	2880
Berkshire.....	22	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2881	2882
Connecticut Valley.....	23	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2883	4277
Woonsocket.....	24	Yes	Good.....	Yes	Yes	2885	2886
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	No	Good.....	Yes	Yes	2887	2888
Joseph Warren.....	26	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2889	2890
Narragansett.....	27	Yes	*	Yes	Yes	2891	2892
William Parkman.....	28	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2893	2894
Bristol.....	29	Yes	*	Yes	Yes	2896	
Northampton.....	30	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2898	2897
South Shore.....	31	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2899	2900
Trinity.....	32	Yes	Good.....	Yes	Yes	2901	2902
Natick.....	33	Yes	Fine.....	Yes	Yes	4395	2904 2903
Cœur de Lion.....	34	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	1569	2906
Gethsemane.....	35	Yes	Fine.....	Yes	Yes	2907	2908
Olivet.....	36	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2909	2910
Athol.....	37	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2911	4076
Bay State.....	38	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2914	4052
Cyprus.....	39	Yes	Very good...	Yes	Yes	1398	2916
St. Paul.....	40	No	Good.....	Yes	Yes	2917	2918
Beauseant.....	41	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2919	2920
Cambridge.....	42	No	Very good...	Yes	Yes	2921	2922
Bethlehem.....	43	Yes	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2923	2924
St. George.....	44	Yes	Fine.....	Yes	Yes	2925	2926
Orange.....	45	Yes	Fine.....	Yes	Yes	4053	2927
Ivanhoe.....	46	No	Excellent...	Yes	Yes	2929	2930

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NAME OF COMMANDERY	Number of Commandery	Prelate's Ritual	Malta Ritual	Combined Temple and Malta	Condition of the Rituals
St. Johns.....	1	425		5004	Good
Boston.....	2	426	1271	5005	Good
Newburyport.....	3	427	1009	5253	*
Washington.....	4	428		5006	Very good
Worcester County.....	5	429		5566	Very good
Springfield.....	6	430		5567	Good
De Molay.....	7	431	1508	5007	Good
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	1260		5254	*
Pilgrim.....	9	1269		5008	Good
Palestine.....	10	434		5540	Very good
Milford.....	11	435		5255	Good
St. Bernard.....	12	436	416	5256	Very good
Calvary.....	13	437		5257	Good
Haverhill.....	14	438		5258	*
Old Colony.....	15	439		510	Good
Sutton.....	16	440		5068	Very good
Bethlehem.....	17	441		5259	Good
Winslow Lewis.....	18	442	*1020	5260	Good
Jerusalem.....	19	443		5069	Good
Hugh de Payens.....	20	444		5261	Very good
St. Omer.....	21	445		5070	Good
Berkshire.....	22	446		5262	Very good
Connecticut Valley.....	23	447		5011	Good
Woonsocket.....	24	448	*1025	5012	Fair
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	449		5013	Good
Joseph Warren.....	26	450		5014	Very good
Narragansett.....	27	451		5071	Good
William Parkman.....	28	452		5072	Good
Bristol.....	29	453		6827	Good
Northampton.....	30	454		5074	Good
South Shore.....	31	455		5263	Fair
Trinity.....	32	456		5072	Good
Natick.....	33	457	1032	5264	Fair
Cœur de Lion.....	34	458		5015	Very good
Gethsemane.....	35	459		5016	*
Olivet.....	36	460		5076	Very good
Athol.....	37	461		5077	Very good
Bay State.....	38	462	*1034	5065	Very good
Cyprus.....	39	463		5017	*
St. Paul.....	40	464		5018	Excellent
Beauseant.....	41	465		5266	Excellent
Cambridge.....	42	466		5078	Good
Bethlehem.....	43	467		5267	Very good
St. George.....	44	468		5268	Good
Orange.....	45	469		5079	Good
Ivanhoe.....	46	470		5019	Very good

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ADDRESSES OF RECORDERS

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. of Commandery	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY	RECORDER	ADDRESS
St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.....	Franklin A. Smith..	25 Lenox Ave., Providence, R.I.
Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.....	J. Gilman Walte....	Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.
Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass..	Harry W. Bayley...	Newburyport, Mass.
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.....	Thatcher T. Bowler..	Newport, R.I.
Worcester County..	5	Worcester, Mass.....	Arthur B. Chapln...	330 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass....	George B. Miller....	Springfield, Mass.
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.....	Charles R. Magee...	36 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.....	John F. Clark.....	Valley Falls, R.I.
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.....	Arthur J. Murkland..	58 Central St., Lowell, Mass.
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.....	Chas. S. Beatley....	100 Fairmont St., Malden, Mass.
Millford.....	11	Millford, Mass.....	Herbert S. Eldredge..	P.O. Box 51, Millford, Mass.
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.....	Richard W. Smith....	67 Milk St., Boston, Mass.
Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.....	Joseph S. Potter....	P.O. Box 263, Providence, R.I.
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.....	Benjamin B. Gilman..	Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.....	Isaac C. Howland....	Abington, Mass.
Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass..	Merton L. Hathaway..	P.O. Box 298, New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.....	Charles H. Littlefield	Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis....	18	Salem, Mass.....	Adelbert Dennett...	235 Essex St., Salem, Mass.
Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass....	Frank D. Page.....	City Hall, Fitchburg, Mass.
Hugh de Payens....	20	Melrose, Mass.....	Calvin W. Sawyer....	Box 44, Melrose Highlands, Mass.
St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass....	Richard T. Williams..	34 G St., So. Boston, Mass.
Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass....	William H. Barrows..	Pittsfield, Mass.
Connecticut Valley.	23	Greenfield, Mass....	Robert H. Snow.....	Greenfield, Mass.
Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I....	Harry H. Wardle....	Woonsocket, R.I.
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass....	Wm. E. Blossom.....	472 June St., Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Warren....	26	Roxbury, Mass.....	Wm. H. Gerrish.....	43 West St., Boston, Mass.
Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.....	Archle C. Thompson..	19 Stanton St., Westerly, R.I.
William Parkman..	28	East Boston, Mass..	Edward H. Morse....	29 Lexington St., E. Boston, Mass.
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass....	Geo. H. Herrick....	Attleboro, Mass.
Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass..	Charles H. Chase....	Northampton, Mass.
South Shore.....	31	E. Weymouth, Mass..	Eben H. Cain.....	387 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.....	Fred. S. Rowell.....	Hudson, Mass.
Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.....	Henry M. Ferguson...	Natick, Mass.
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass..	Wm. L. Barber.....	36 Marshall St., Somerville, Mass.
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass..	Algernon S. Bryant..	Newtonville, Mass.
Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.....	Robert E. Ramsdell..	9 Arlington St., Lynn, Mass.
Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.....	Fredertck H. Lee....	1477 Main St., Athol, Mass.
Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.....	Charles L. Chapln...	73 Main St., Brockton, Mass.
Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass....	Daniel E. Cluff.....	Hyde Park, Mass.
St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass..	Junius B. Temple....	North Adams, Mass.
Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.....	Wallace M. Corbln...	18 Horace St., Malden, Mass.
Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass....	Charles M. Pear.....	156 Line St., Cambridge, Mass.
Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass....	John B. Chamberline..	27 Granite St., Gloucester, Mass.
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.....	William C. Hill.....	Beverly, Mass.
Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.....	Fred A. Lamb.....	33 Water St., Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.....	Charles E. Whitney...	Gardner, Mass.
Quincy.....	47	Quincy, Mass.....	Alfred H. Richards..	56 So. Central Ave., Wollaston, Mass.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND COMMANDERS

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	YEAR	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	GRAND COMMANDERS	ADDRESS
Alabama	1911	Nov. 29, 1860	Louis J. Wright	Talladega
Arizona	1911	Nov. 16, 1893	George H. N. Luhrs	Phoenix
Arkansas	1910	Mar. 23, 1872	Joseph H. Watkins	Pine Bluff
California	1911	Aug. 10, 1858	Albert A. Caldwell	Los Angeles
Colorado	1910	Mar. 14, 1876	George W. Vallery	Denver
Connecticut	1911	Sept. 13, 1827	Wesley P. Pearne	Middletown
District of Columbia....	1911	Jan. 14, 1896	Robert Cook	Washington
Florida	1911	Aug. 15, 1895	Louis C. Massey	Orlando
Georgia	1911	April 25, 1870	George D. Case	Milledgeville
Idaho	1911	Aug. 31, 1904	Albert A. Jessup	Boise
Illinois	1910	Oct. 27, 1857	Harry P. Cleveland	Rock Island
Indiana	1911	May 16, 1854	John L. Rupe	Richmond
Indian Territory	1911	Dec. 27, 1895	Ira McNair	Ada
Iowa	1911	June 6, 1864	Arthur M. Molyneaux	Cherokee
Kansas	1911	Dec. 29, 1868	William F. March	Lawrence
Kentucky	1911	Oct. 15, 1847	William Yeoman	Lexington
Louisiana	1911	Feb. 12, 1864	William A. Briant	New Orleans
Maine	1911	May 5, 1852	Warren C. Philbrook .....	.....
Maryland	1911	Jan. 23, 1871	Harry E. Remley	Baltimore
Mass. and Rhode Island	1911	May 6, 1805	Lafayette G. Blair	Watertown
Michigan	1911	April 5, 1857	William H. Kessler	Detroit
Minnesota	1911	Oct. 23, 1865	George F. Dix	St. Paul
Mississippi	1911	Jan. 21, 1857	Edwin J. Martin	Meridian
Missouri	1911	May 22, 1860	Bert S. Lee	Springfield
Montana	1911	May 14, 1888	Benjamin E. Calkins	Butte
Nebraska	1911	Dec. 27, 1871	Gustave Anderson	Omaha
New Hampshire	1910	June 13, 1826	Stephen S. Jewett	Laconia
New Jersey	1911	Feb. 14, 1860	John P. Cantrell	Newark
New Mexico	1910	Aug. 21, 1901	John W. Poe	Roswell
New York	1911	Jan. 18, 1814	Guy W. Shoemaker	Elmira
North Carolina	1911	May 10, 1881	William C. Brown	Winston Salem
North Dakota	1911	Jan. 16, 1890	William Spriggs	Grand Forks
Ohio	1911	Oct. 24, 1843	Charles H. Echorn	Cleveland
Oklahoma	1911	Feb. 10, 1896	Robert H. Henry	Ardmore
Oregon	1910	April 13, 1884	William H. Cleland	Portland
Pennsylvania	1911	April 12, 1854	Herman Junker	Pittsburgh
South Carolina	1910	Mar. 25, 1907	George T. Bryan	Greenville
South Dakota	1910	May 14, 1884	Edgar D. Brookman	Vermilion
Tennessee	1911	Oct. 12, 1859	Josiah C. Eggleston	Franklin
Texas	1911	Jan. 18, 1855	William M. Fly	Gonzales
Utah	1911	Mar. 18, 1910	J. H. Epperson	Ogden
Vermont	1911	June 27, 1824	George F. Root	Newport
Virginia	1910	Nov. 27, 1823	William B. McChesney	Staunton
Washington	1910	June 2, 1887	John G. Campbell	Tacoma
West Virginia	1911	Feb. 25, 1874	J. M. Hawkins	Huntington
Wisconsin	1910	Oct. 20, 1859	George B. Wheeler	Eau Claire
Wyoming	1911	Mar. 8, 1888	Joseph H. King	Laramie
Grand Encampment U.S.	1910	June 21, 1816	.....	.....
Canada	1910	.....	Luther B. Archibald	Truro, N. S.

GRAND RECORDERS

YEAR ELECTED

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	YEAR	GRAND RECORDER	ADDRESS
Alabama.....	1901	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery
Arizona.....	1894	George J. Roskrug.....	Tucson
Arkansas.....	1899	Fay Hempsted.....	Little Rock
California.....	1898	William A. Davies.....	San Francisco
Colorado.....	1904	Charles H. Jacobson.....	Denver
Connecticut.....	1895	Eli C. Birdsey.....	Meriden
District of Columbia.....	1898	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Washington
Florida.....	1898	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville
Georgia.....	1909	Charles S. Wood.....	Savannah
Idaho.....	1905	James A. Pinney.....	Boise
Illinois.....	1911	Delmar D. Darrah.....	Bloomington
Indiana.....	1901	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis
Indian Territory.....	1911	Eugene Hamilton.....	Chickasaw
Iowa.....	1902	David M. Brownlee.....	Sioux City
Kansas.....	1899	Thomas J. Anderson.....	Topeka
Kentucky.....	1899	Alfred H. Bryant.....	Covington
Louisiana.....	1877	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans
Maine.....	1891	Stephen Berry.....	Portland
Maryland.....	1888	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore
Mass. and Rhode Island.....	1891	Benjamin W. Rowell.....	Boston (Mas. Tem.)
Michigan.....	1899	Henry L. Anthony.....	Sturgis
Minnesota.....	1906	John Fishel.....	St. Paul
Mississippi.....	1911	Oliver L. McKay.....	Meridian
Missouri.....	1906	Robert F. Stevenson.....	St. Louis
Montana.....	1907	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.....	Helena
Nebraska.....	1899	Francis E. White.....	Omaha
New Hampshire.....	1910	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord
New Jersey.....	1908	John M. Wright.....	Trenton
New Mexico.....	1902	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque
New York.....	1904	John H. Bonnington.....	27 E. 21st St., N.Y.
North Carolina.....	1900	James C. Munds.....	Wilmington
North Dakota.....	1910	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo
Ohio.....	1886	John N. Bell.....	Dayton
Oklahoma.....	1904	George W. Spencer.....	Oklahoma City
Oregon.....	1893	James F. Robinson.....	Eugene
Pennsylvania.....	1897	William W. Allen.....	Philadelphia
South Carolina.....	1907	John M. Diven.....	Charleston
South Dakota.....	1895	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls
Tennessee.....	1899	John B. Garrett.....	Nashville
Texas.....	1907	J. C. Kidd.....	Houston
Utah.....	1910	W. A. Raddon.....	Park City
Vermont.....	1902	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington
Virginia.....	1895	James B. Blanks.....	Petersburg
Washington.....	1891	Yancey C. Blalock.....	Walla Walla
West Virginia.....	1903	Francis E. Nichols.....	Fairmount
Wisconsin.....	1900	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee
Wyoming.....	1901	Adrian J. Parshall.....	Cheyenne
Canada.....	.....	Wm. H. Whyte, P.O. Box 1207	Montreal
England and Wales.....	.....	C. Fitzgerald Matier, V.C....	London, W.C. Mark Masons' Hall Great Queen St.
Ireland.....	.....	R. F. Walker.....	Dublin
Scotland.....	.....	J. H. Balfour Melville.....	Edinburgh
Grand Encampment, U.S.....	1901	John A. Gerow.....	Detroit, Mich.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES
NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	REPRESENTATIVE	RESIDENCE
Alabama.....	R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule.....	Brookline, Mass.
Arizona.....	R. E. Sir E. Bentley Young.....	Boston, Mass.
Arkansas.....	R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse.....	Roxbury, Mass.
Colorado.....	E. Sir Smith B. Harrington.....	Wollaston Heights, Mass.
Connecticut.....	E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis.....	Providence, R.I.
District of Columbia.....	.....	.....
Florida.....	E. Sir Henry S. Rowe.....	Boston, Mass.
Georgia.....	E. Sir Henry G. Jordan.....	Boston, Mass.
Idaho.....	E. Sir Judson C. Mackenzie.....	Fall River, Mass.
Illinois.....	E. Sir Newton D. Arnold.....	Providence, R.I.
Indiana.....	R. E. Sir Edwin A. Blodgett.....	Springfield, Mass.
Indian Territory.....	R. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham.....	Providence, R.I.
Iowa.....	E. Sir Walter F. Medding.....	Malden, Mass.
Kansas.....	E. Sir Charles A. Estey.....	East Boston, Mass.
Kentucky.....	R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn.....	Newport, R.I.
Louisiana.....	E. Sir George E. Stacy.....	Milford, Mass.
Maryland.....	R. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham.....	Providence, R.I.
Maine.....	E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey.....	Boston, Mass.
Minnesota.....	R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott.....	Lowell, Mass.
Mississippi.....	E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell.....	Lynn, Mass.
Missouri.....	R. E. Sir Charles C. Hutchinson.....	Lowell, Mass.
Montana.....	R. E. Sir Winthrop Messenger.....	Melrose, Mass.
Nebraska.....	E. Sir Frank T. Pearce.....	Providence, R.I.
New Hampshire.....	R. E. Sir George L. Shepley.....	Providence, R.I.
New Jersey.....	E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair.....	Watertown, Mass.
New Mexico.....	R. E. Sir Dana J. Flanders.....	Malden, Mass.
New York.....	R. E. Sir George H. Allen.....	Lynn, Mass.
North Carolina.....	E. Sir Frank L. Nagle.....	Newton, Mass.
North Dakota.....	E. Sir Charles E. Pierce.....	South Boston, Mass.
Ohio.....	R. E. Sir Charles I. Litchfield.....	Plymouth, Mass.
Oklahoma.....	R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders.....	Lawrence, Mass.
Oregon.....	E. Sir Harry Hunt.....	Melrose, Mass.
Pennsylvania.....	E. Sir Arthur G. Pollard.....	Lowell, Mass.
South Carolina.....	E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell.....	Lynn, Mass.
South Dakota.....	R. E. Sir George E. Hilton.....	Lynn, Mass.
Tennessee.....	E. Sir J. Gilman Waite.....	Medford, Mass.
Texas.....	E. Sir J. Albert Blake.....	Malden, Mass.
Vermont.....	E. Sir Isaac Chase.....	Cambridge, Mass.
Virginia.....	E. Sir Charles C. Spellman.....	Springfield, Mass.
West Virginia.....	E. Sir Clinton D. Sellew.....	Providence, R.I.
Wisconsin.....	E. Sir William W. Johnson.....	Worcester, Mass.
Wyoming.....	E. Sir Eugene A. Holton.....	Boston, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY NEAR OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	REPRESENTATIVES	RESIDENCE
Alabama.....	E..Sir Russell M. Cunningham.....	Ensley, Ala.
Arizona.....	E..Sir George K. Roskrue.....	Tucson, Ariz.
Arkansas.....	R..E..Sir Charles E. Rosenbaum.....	Little Rock, Ark.
California.....	R..E..Sir Frank W. Sumner.....	San Francisco, Cal.
Colorado.....	R..E..Sir Lawrence N. Greenleaf.....	Denver, Colo.
Connecticut.....	R..E..Sir Eli C. Birdsey.....	Meriden, Conn.
District of Columbia.....	R..E..Sir Arvine W. Johnston.....	Washington, D.C.
Florida.....	E..Sir William H. Jewell.....	Orlando, Fla.
Georgia.....	E..Sir Joseph K. Orr.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Idaho.....	Hiram T. French.....	Moscow, Idaho
Illinois.....	R..E..Stuart E. Pearson.....	Carrollton, Ill.
Indiana.....	E..Sir Leonidas P. Newby.....	Knightstown, Ind.
Indian Territory.....	E..Sir John H. Clapp.....	Okmulgee, I.T.
Iowa.....	E..Sir Wilbur F. Fidler.....	Davenport, Iowa
Kansas.....	R..E..Sir Edward W. Wellington.....	Ellsworth, Kan.
Kentucky.....	E..Sir Henry G. Sandifer.....	Danville, Ky.
Louisiana.....	E..Sir Lee E. Robinson.....	Welch, La.
Maryland.....	R..E..Sir Charles F. Bennett.....	Baltimore, Md.
Maine.....	R..E..Sir John W. Ballou.....	Bath, Maine
Minnesota.....	E..Sir Alonzo T. Stebbins.....	Rochester, Minn.
Mississippi.....	E..Sir John S. Cobb.....	Verona, Miss.
Missouri.....	R..E..Sir Gib. W. Carson.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Montana.....	E..Sir Joseph Hindson.....	Helena, Mont.
Nebraska.....	E..Sir Eben K. Long.....	Omaha, Neb.
New Hampshire.....	E..Sir Charles S. Parker.....	Concord, N.H.
New Jersey.....	E..Sir William H. Sebring.....	Plainfield, N.J.
New Mexico.....	E..Sir Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque, N.M.
New York.....	E..Sir John R. Gardner.....	New York, N.Y.
North Carolina.....	E..Sir James K. Norfleet.....	Winston, N.C.
North Dakota.....	E..Sir Lawrence G. Moultrie.....	Valley Falls, N.D.
Ohio.....	E..Sir Levi C. Goodale.....	Cincinnati, Ohio
Oklahoma.....	E..Sir Henry G. Rumberger.....	Elk City, Okla.
Oregon.....	E..Sir F. A. Moore.....	Salem, Ore.
Pennsylvania.....		
South Carolina.....	E..Sir J. L. Carson.....	Spartanburg, S.C.
South Dakota.....	E..Sir Marshall F. Montgomery.....	Lead, S.D.
Tennessee.....	E..Sir Charles W. Eastman.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Texas.....	E..Sir John C. Kidd.....	Houston, Texas
Vermont.....	E..Sir George H. Gorham.....	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Virginia.....	R..E..Sir A. B. Botts.....	Fredericksburg, Va.
Washington.....	E..Sir John H. Shaw.....	Spokane, Wash.
West Virginia.....	E..Sir William M. Sivey.....	Morgantown, W. Va.
Wisconsin.....	R..E..Sir Herbert N. Laffin.....	Milwaukee, Wis.
Wyoming.....	E..Sir Francis E. Warren.....	Cheyenne, Wyo.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Your Recorder has received from all sources the sum of \$8,461.11, as follows:

From the sale of diplomas	\$10.00
From the sale of certificates	31.25
From annual dues of subordinate Com- manderies	8,617.75

Making a total of \$8,659.00

All of which has been paid R..E..Sir Herbert F. Morse, Grand Treasurer.

Your Recorder has on sale for the benefit of Grand Com-mandery, 133 copies of the Constitution and Code at \$1.50 each; 656 Certificates at \$0.25 each.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON, October 26, 1911.

As Grand Treasurer I present the following as my report for the year ending October 26, 1911:

RECEIPTS

Balance cash forward from last report	\$8,839.09
Received from Em. Sir B. W. Rowell, Grand Recorder	8,659.00
Received from Em. Sir John Carr, Treasurer, income of the Grand Fund for the year	1,387.05
Received as interest on deposits	119.47
Received as a contribution to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund, from the following fifteen Commanderies, namely, St. Johns, Newburyport, Worcester County, Milford, Sutton, Bethany, Winslow Lewis, Jerusalem, Connecticut Valley, Woonsocket, Joseph Warren, Cœur de Lion, Athol, Cambridge and Bethlehem	930.00
Total	<u>\$19,934.61</u>

PAYMENTS

For telephone	\$151.21
For postage and stationery	78.95
For printing	1,624.57
For rents	1,235.96
For collations and cigars	904.20
For inspections	768.11
For Grand Encampment dues	844.40
For salaries	1,000.00
For Committee on Correspondence	150.00

For R. E. M. Grand Commander, contingent expenses	\$100.00
For A. Stowell Co., Past Grand Commander's Jewel	100.00
For insurance	63.40
For W. T. Bather, for steel engraving and printing portrait	96.25
For contribution to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund	1,000.00
For W. E. Wilcox, Sentinel	10.00
For Joseph H. Potter, Sentinel	5.00
For flowers	45.00
For sundry small bills	26.35
For trustees of the Grand Fund, one-tenth of the income of the Grand Commandery for the year	846.10
For expenses of Committee for the 32d Triennial to arrange for accommodations for this Grand Commandery at Denver, Colo., 1913	375.25
Balance to new account	10,509.86
Total	<u>\$19,934.61</u>

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. MORSE,
Grand Treasurer.

Since the report was rendered the following Commanderies have also contributed to the Memorial Fund: Springfield, Godfrey de Bouillon, Olivet, Cyprus, Orange.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND

JOHN CARR, *Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery, K.T., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for the year ending October 26, 1911.*

RECEIPTS

1910		
Oct. 26,	Balance	\$887.13
Nov. 1.	First National Bank, interest	1.32
Dec. 1.	First National Bank, interest	1.81
Dec. 13.	Eliot Five Cents Savings Bank	180.87
1911		
Jan. 2.	First National Bank, interest	1.32
Jan. 2.	Boston & Maine R.R. Co. Bonds, \$1,000, 4½s, six months' interest	22.50
Jan. 2.	Bangor & Aroostook R.R. Co. Bonds, \$1,000, 4s, six months' interest	20.00
Jan. 2.	City of Pawtucket Bonds, \$1,000, 4s, six months' interest	20.00
Feb. 1.	Grand Lodge of Masons, \$7,000 note, 4½s, six months' interest	157.50
Feb. 1.	Boston & Maine R.R. Co. Bonds, \$3,000, 4s, six months' interest	60.00
Mar. 1.	New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Co. Bonds, \$4,000, 4s, six months' interest	80.00
April 6.	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. Co. Bonds, \$7,000, 4s, six months' interest	140.00
April 6.	Boston & Maine R.R. Co. Bonds, \$5,000, 4½s, six months' interest	112.50
April 6.	Fitchburg R.R. Co. Bonds, \$2,000, 4s, six months' interest	40.00
July 1.	Bangor & Aroostook R.R. Co. Bonds, \$1,000, 4s, six months' interest	20.00
July 1.	Boston & Maine R.R. Co. Bonds, \$1,000, 4½s, six months' interest	22.50

July 1.	City of Pawtucket Bonds, \$1,000, 4s, six months' interest	\$20.00
July 1.	First National Bank, interest	.82
July 31.	Grand Lodge of Masons Note, paid.	7,000.00
July 31.	Six months' interest on above Note, 4½%	157.50
Aug. 1.	Boston & Maine R.R. Co. Bonds, \$3,000, 4s, six months' interest	60.00
Aug. 1.	First National Bank, interest	.82
Sept. 1.	New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Co. Bonds, \$4,000, 4s, six months' interest	80.00
Sept. 1.	First National Bank, interest	.99
Oct. 1.	Fitchburg R.R. Co. Bonds, \$2,000, 4s, six months' interest	40.00
Oct. 1.	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. Co. Bonds, 4s, six months' interest	140.00
Oct. 1.	Boston & Maine R.R. Co. Bonds, \$5,000, 4½s, six months' interest	112.50
Oct. 15.	First National Bank, interest	13.20
Oct. 16.	First National Bank, interest	12.99
Oct. 18.	Eliot Five Cents Savings Bank, dividend to date	26.31
Oct. 18.	Provident Institution for Savings, dividend to date	22.71
Oct. 18.	Warren Institution for Savings, dividend to date	24.24
Oct. 18.	North End Savings Bank, dividend to date	24.24
Oct. 18.	Herbert F. Morse, Grand Treasurer, one-tenth income Grand Commandery	846.10
Oct. 19.	Suffolk Savings Bank, dividend to date	10.59
Oct. 19.	Home Savings Bank, dividend to date	18.68
Total		\$10,379.15

PAYMENTS

1910		
Dec. 10.	Merrill, Oldham & Co. \$1,000 Pawtucket Bond @ 99 and interest	\$990.00
1911		
	Interest on above bond	18.00
Jan. 2.	Gilmour & Coolidge, Treasurer's Bond	50.00
Jan. 2.	Security Safe Deposit Box	10.00

April 6.	Eliot Five Cents Savings Bank, deposit.	60.00
Oct. 16.	Eliot Five Cents Savings Bank, deposit.	18.00
Oct. 19.	Herbert F. Morse, Grand Treasurer. Net income of Grand Fund to Oct. 26, 1911	1,387.05
		\$2,533.05
	Balance	7,846.10
		\$10,379.15

Courteously submitted,

JOHN CARR,

Treasurer.

J. ALBERT BLAKE, G.C.

ARTHUR G. POLLARD,

Trustees.

The Grand Fund is invested as follows:

North End Savings Bank, Book 995	\$600.00
Home Savings Bank, Book 57,076	600.00
Provident Institution for Savings, Book 31,084	600.00
Warren Institution for Savings, Book 55,068	600.00
Suffolk Savings Bank, Book 133,019	300.00
Eliot Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 36,069	745.91
Boston & Maine R.R. Co. Bonds, 4s	3,000.00
Boston & Maine R.R. Co. Bonds, 4½s	6,000.00
Fitchburg R.R. Co. Bonds, 4s	2,000.00
New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Bonds, 4s	4,000.00
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. Co. Bonds, 4s	7,000.00
Bangor & Aroostook R.R. Co. Bonds, 4s	1,000.00
City of Pawtucket Bonds, 4s	990.00
Cash balance on hand	7,846.10
	\$35,282.01

On motion and by vote, the several reports were accepted, approved, and the recommendations therein contained adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Boston, Mass., October 24, 1911.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and Trustees of the Grand Fund, and find the same correct, all payments being supported by proper vouchers. They have also examined the property in the possession of the Grand Recorder and the securities held by the Trustees of the Grand Fund, and find their reports correct as rendered.

The receipts of the Grand Recorder have been as follows:

From returns of subordinate Commanderies	\$8,617.75
From sale of diplomas	10.00
From sale of certificates	31.25
Total	\$8,659.00

Which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt given therefor.

The receipts of the Grand Treasurer have been as follows:

Balance from previous account, cash on hand	\$8,839.09
Received from the Grand Recorder	8,659.00
Received from Trustees of the Grand Fund	1,387.05
Received from interest on deposits	119.47
Received as contributions to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund	930.00
Total	\$19,934.61

His disbursements have been as follows, viz.:

Sundry accounts as given in detail by his report, vouchers for same being duly approved . . .	\$7,203.40
Paid Trustees of Grand Fund one-tenth of income .	846.10
Paid contribution to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Paid expenses of Committee for the 32d Triennial .	375.25
Total	\$9,424.75
Balance to new account, cash on hand	10,509.86
Total	\$19,934.61

Your Committee would recommend that the salary of the Grand Treasurer be \$300.00 and that of the Grand Recorder \$1,000.00 for the ensuing financial year.

Courteously submitted,

WM. J. HOBBS,
JAMES S. BLAKE,
JOHN M. RAYMOND,
Finance Committee.

On motion the report of the Committee on Finance was accepted and adopted.

ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
JOHN ALBERT BLAKE

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE
APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND

BOSTON, MASS., October 26, 1911.

Eminent Sirs: The Templar Year of 1910-11 is rapidly drawing to a close, and as your Grand Commander, I bid you a courteous and Knightly welcome to this One Hundred and Sixth Annual Conclave, and invite your attention to a brief résumé of its happenings and events.

In the main it has been uneventful, but of regular ordinary routine, and as the reports already presented have shown, so far as our material affairs are concerned, very prosperous. Our membership has increased. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and the spirit of Knightly courtesy has marked all our relationships at home and abroad.

For these and all other blessings let us unite in giving thankful praise to the Supreme Grand Commander.

NECROLOGY

"To live in the hearts of those we leave behind
Is not to die."

We bow in submission to the Divine Mandate: "It is appointed unto all men once to die." Every year we are called upon to chronicle the departure of loved ones. We place upon record "Memorials" voicing in expressive language our grief at the severance of ties that have bound us, oh, so tightly, in official and personal intercourse. We attempt to draw the picture covering a life history. Words fail us; we can only gird up our loins and continue the weary march until we, in turn, shall answer the call. Let us look forward, holding in remembrance our belief in the immortality of the soul.

IN MEMORIAM

RIGHT EMINENT SIR SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE

PAST GRAND COMMANDER. DIED SEPTEMBER 24, 1911

GENERAL ORDERS,
SERIES 1910-1911, No. 6MALDEN, MASS.
October 10, 1911.*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, and all subordinate Commanderies of the State of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and to the Fraters of sister Jurisdictions.*

"He has gone, but in memory liveth;
He is dead, his example is here;
The sweetness and fragrance it giveth
Will linger for many a year."

A valiant and magnanimous Knight of the Order has been called by the Grand Commander of the Universe. Right Eminent Sir Samuel Crocker Lawrence passed to the Grand Asylum above at his home in Medford, Mass., on Sunday, September 24, 1911.

He was truly a good man — one honored, respected, and loved by men of all classes, conditions and creeds; one who exemplified the great principles of Truth, Justice and Toleration.

He will be sadly missed, but we know that the good he has done will live after him, and that his example remains to stimulate us to devote our lives to the cause of all that is just, right and true.

The funeral services in honor of this valiant Knight were held Wednesday afternoon, September 27, in the Lawrence Armory in Medford. In keeping with the modest and unassuming nature of the one who had departed, they were simple and brief. From 12 noon to 1 o'clock P.M. the body lay in state in the Rotunda, and at 2.15 the service was conducted by Sir Knight and Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., President of Tufts College, assisted by the Harvard Male Quartet.

During the noon hour while the body lay in state, a constant stream of people filed into the Rotunda and viewed the face of their departed friend. Hundreds of school children with their teachers and parents, the local trades people, who had closed their stores, and many persons from all parts of Medford and from neighboring cities were in the procession.

Right Eminent Sir Lawrence was born in Medford, Mass., November 22, 1832, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Crocker Lawrence. His ancestry may be traced back through twenty-four generations to the English family of Lawrence in the twelfth century, one of whom was knighted by King Richard Cœur de Lion for bravery at the siege of Acre.

His early education was obtained in the Medford schools. He finished the course at the High School in 1847 and fitted for Harvard College at Lawrence Academy at Groton, and was graduated with honors in the celebrated class of 1855. In college he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He was particularly proficient in the higher mathematics and in 1858 he received the degree of A.M.

In early manhood General Lawrence started on two lines of activity in which he afterwards became famous, military affairs and Masonry.

The year that he was graduated from College found him a Third Lieutenant in the Lawrence Light Guard (Company E, 5th Regiment), which was named in honor of his father.

In 1859 he was promoted to be Colonel of the Fifth Regiment. Believing that war between the states was inevitable, Colonel Lawrence began to get his regiment in readiness. With Gen. Benjamin F. Butler he urged upon Governor Banks and later Governor Andrew, the necessity of preparedness. One result of his early activity was the great review of the State Troops under Governor Banks in 1859, the first muster of the entire militia of Massachusetts. When the call came from President Lincoln for troops in 1861, Colonel Lawrence was attending a mass meeting in the Medford Town Hall. Word was sent him at his seat on the stage. He made the closing address of the meeting and in simple language he pledged his own services and life to the cause of the Nation, and besought every able-bodied citizen of the town to show his patriotism.

On April 18 he issued marching orders to his command. These were taken by his brother, Daniel W. Lawrence, to the commanders of the different companies during the dark hours of the night before the 19th of April, and it is a notable coincidence that Mr. Lawrence's hurried journey followed the same route taken by Paul Revere just eighty-six years before in his famous Midnight Ride.

Colonel Lawrence was with his regiment at the Battle of Bull Run and was wounded in the side by a splinter from a shattered tree. He was left for dead on the field of battle. Afterwards an adjutant discovered what he supposed was his

lifeless body among the inanimate forms of the soldiers. With the assistance of another soldier the adjutant carried Colonel Lawrence to a brook, where he was revived; then by slow stages they worked their way from the field into the Union lines. Ten days after the battle the regiment was mustered out of service. Colonel Lawrence, although suffering much from his wound, returned with his command, and on its arrival home received an enthusiastic ovation from the people of Boston and neighboring towns.

When the war broke out President Lincoln offered Colonel Lawrence a Coloneley in the Regular Army, but he knew his men, between whom and himself there was a strong attachment, and he preferred to stay with them. It was afterwards confessed by West Pointers that Colonel Lawrence was their equal in everything that pertained to a complete soldier.

On July 9, 1862, he was commissioned by Gov. John A. Andrew as Brigadier-General of the State Militia, which rank he resigned August 20, 1864.

In July, 1863, occurred the draft riot in Boston. Brigadier-General Lawrence reported under a special order at the State House at the outbreak of the riot and remained in service under arms until quiet was restored.

For many years General Lawrence was an active member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, the oldest military organization in the country, and in 1869 he was its commander.

Foremost in Masonry. For many years General Lawrence had been one of the most prominent members of the Masonic Fraternity in the country. During the years 1909 and 1910 he held the exalted position of Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, 33d degree, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

He received his first degrees in Masonry, October 5, 1854, in Hiram Lodge of West Cambridge (now Arlington), and October 26 he was made a Master Mason. When Mt. Hermon Lodge of Medford was instituted that same year he was one of the thirteen charter members, and at the time of his death was the only surviving charter member. He was the sixth Worshipful Master of the Lodge, 1862 to 1865.

During the years 1881, 1882 and 1883 he was the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He was exalted in St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter of Boston in 1855, and became a charter member of Mystic Royal Arch Chapter of Medford in 1867, and was High Priest during the years 1878, 1879 and 1880. He was also a charter member of Medford

Council Royal and Select Masters in 1889, having previously received his degrees in Boston Council R. and S.M.

The honors of Knighthood were conferred upon him in DeMolay Commandery, No. 7, at Boston, in 1856, and in 1858 he became a member of Boston Commandery and was Eminent Commander in 1873, 1874 and 1875. He was also an Honorary Member of Joseph Warren Commandery of Boston, St. Johns Commandery of Philadelphia and Apollo Commandery of Chicago.

In 1875 he was elected Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, declining at that time further advancement. In 1894 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and served as Chairman of the Committee when the famous Triennial Conclave was held in Boston in 1895, and to his able management and generosity the marked success of this great Conclave was largely due.

He received the degrees in the Royal Order of Scotland in May, 1878, and was one of the original members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Order for the United States of America, and a member of the mother body of the Royal Order of Scotland.

He was also a charter member of Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, Giles F. Yates Council Princes of Jerusalem; Gourgass Chapter of Rose Croix and DeWitt Clinton Consistory. In 1867 he was the foremost one of those who united in harmonizing all interests and forming the present Supreme Council 33d degree Masons, of the Northern Jurisdiction.

As a student of the history of the various Masonic bodies he had gathered one of the most complete and valuable Masonic libraries in existence.

As a man of business General Lawrence had a long and successful career. He filled with honor the office of director of institutions of finance and those of a charitable nature. For many years he served as director of various railroads, notably the Eastern, Maine Central, Boston & Maine, and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, and in whatever endeavor he participated he achieved success.

He was the first mayor of the city of Medford. Never a seeker of political office, General Lawrence refused repeated inducements to enter upon a political career, including a unanimous nomination for Congress in a strong Republican district.

Right Eminent Sir Lawrence was a many-sided man of large and varied interests, and in many respects was one of the best

known men in New England. In whatever direction he lent his interests he devoted himself heart and soul and made his mark. He was a master of details, while at the same time he possessed a marvelous grasp of large questions.

Loyalty, honor and kindness were cardinal virtues with him. A courtly gentleman, uniformly genial and considerate of others, a friend to those who were in need; one whose word could be depended upon and whose advice was consistently sought in large matters of state or business, or by a friend in the smaller details of daily life, he was the friend of all.

In April, 1859, he married in Charlestown Miss Carrie Rebecca, daughter of the Rev. William and Rebecca Badger of Wilton, Me.

As a tribute of respect to our beloved Frater it is hereby ordered that the banners, jewels and altars of this Grand Commandery be draped in mourning for ninety days and that the same mourning be worn on the jewels, banners and altars of each subordinate Commandery for a like period.

This Order will be read at the head of the lines in each body at the next regular Conclave after its receipt and be spread in full upon the records.

J. ALBERT BLAKE,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

B. W. ROWELL,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL]

MILFORD COMMANDERY, NO. 11

LOWELL ETHAN FALES. Born in Milford, September 28, 1858. Representative to the Legislature, 1903, 1904. Appointed Judge in 1892. Received the Master Mason's Degree in Montgomery Lodge June 9, 1892. Exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Mt. Lebanon Chapter, February 8, 1894. Knighted in Milford Commandery, May 28, 1894. Eminent Commander in 1903, 1904. Entered Apprentice, March 24, 1892; Fellow Craft, May 5, 1892; Master Mason, June 9, 1892. Mt. Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter: Mark Master Degree, November 9, 1893; Past Master Degree, January 25, 1894; Most Excellent Master Degree, February 1, 1894; Royal Arch Degree, February 8, 1894. Milford Commandery, No. 11: Red

Cross, April 2, 1894; Temple, April 17, 1894; Malta, May 28, 1894. He received the Cryptic Degrees in Milford Council, R. & S.M., in the year 1906.

The funeral of Judge L. E. Fales occurred this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock at the Fales home on South Main Street, and was attended by a large company of relatives and friends, members of the Masonic bodies to which he belonged, business associates and members of the Worcester County and Milford Bar associations.

TRINITY COMMANDERY, NO. 32

J. ALBERT BLAKE, *Grand Commander,*
Malden, Mass.

Right Eminent and dear Sir: In accordance with your General Order, it becomes our sad duty to inform you of the death of Em. Sir Freeman Augustus Morse, which occurred suddenly, Feb. 27, 1911, in Hudson. Born, August 20, 1866, in Hudson; raised a Master Mason, June 15, 1891, in Doric Lodge of Hudson; Exalted a Royal Arch Mason, December 4, 1891, in Houghton Chapter of Marlboro; Knighted, June 9, 1892, in Trinity Commandery. Served as its Eminent Commander, 1901-1903. Member of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templar Commanders.

By order of

C. H. HASTINGS,
Eminent Commander.

Attest:

GEO. B. COCHRAN, *Recorder.*

CHARLES H. STEVENS. Died at his home, 70A West Main Street, August 14, 1911, after a long illness caused from hardening of the arteries and allied ailments.

Mr. Stevens was born in Boston, November 8, 1847, and was the son of the late Charles and Abbie M. Stevens. He came to Marlboro when but a boy of eight and lived with his family on the Stow road. He went through the Marlboro schools, and when a young man went to work for T. A. Coolidge at the latter's factory on Howland Street. He was natur-

ally a fine penman and bookkeeper and was employed as head office man for several years. When Mr. Coolidge went out of business in 1894, Mr. Stevens entered the employ of the S. H. Howe Shoe Co. and worked in the office of the Diamond A factory until it went out of business. He afterwards worked for the Marlboro Grain Co. and for a time was employed as collector by The Marlboro *Enterprise*, the employees of which can bear witness to his unfailing good nature and his many other good qualities.

Mr. Stevens was one of the best known Masons in this vicinity and for years was a member of United Brethren Lodge of Masons, of which he was Past Master. He was also a member of Houghton Royal Arch Chapter, Past Commander of Trinity Commandery, Hudson, member of Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, Giles Fonda Yates Council Princes of Jerusalem, Mount Olivet Chapter Rose Croix, Massachusetts Consistory, Past Patron Mizpah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Past Commanders' Association of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He was also a member of Marlboro Council R.A., and the Union Club. He was a director of the co-operative bank at the time of his death and was a registrar of voters for twelve years.

He leaves a wife, daughter of the late T. A. Coolidge, a daughter Lillian, wife of Dr. C. L. Cutler, Jr., and a son. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. C. L. Lakin of Boston. Mr. Stevens was a man of a very happy nature and highly regarded by all who knew him.

ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY, NO. 12

Em. Sir FRED EUGENE JONES, Born April 18, 1848; Knighted in 1879 in St. Bernard Commandery. He was Recorder of the Commandery eleven years — from 1890 to 1900 inclusive; was Generalissimo in 1901 and Eminent Commander in 1902. So far as I am aware he held no other Masonic office.

He served the state for many years as a clerk in the office of the railroad commissioners, being for the latter part of his life an auditor of railway accounts.

He died May 14, 1911, regretted by the many friends whom he had made in his service for the Commonwealth and his association with Masonic bodies.

BRISTOL COMMANDERY, NO. 29.

Em. Sir EDWIN PALMER JEWETT. Died at his late residence, Foxboro, Mass., September 28, 1911, aged 70 years.

Em. Sir Jewett was knighted in Bristol Commandery on July 5, 1895, and was its Eminent Commander, 1904, 1905.

He was a member of Attleboro Council, R. & S.M., Keystone Chapter R.A. Masons, St. Albans Lodge, F. & A.M.

ST. JOHNS COMMANDERY, NO. 1

Em. Sir Andrew Jackson Ferguson, Past Commander of St. Johns Commandery, died this morning at his daughter's residence in Farnumsville, Mass., in the fifty-fourth year of his age.

Em. Sir Ferguson, son of James and Ann (Turner) Ferguson, was born in New York City, September 25, 1857, but spent the greater part of his life in Providence, R.I., having been connected for many years with The Callender, McAuslan & Troup Co. of this city.

He was raised in Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 4, A.F. & A.M., of Providence, R.I., July 5, 1888; Exalted in Providence R.A. Chapter, No. 1, Providence, R.I., June 16, 1892. Knighted in St. Johns Commandery, No. 1, K.T., August 1, 1892, and was elected Eminent Commander at the annual conclave in 1900. He was a member of the A.A.S. Rite Bodies of this state, becoming a member of the Rhode Island Consistory, May 27, 1896. He was also a Past Potentate of Palestine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

BOSTON COMMANDERY, NO. 2

The death of Rt. Em. Sir Samuel Crocker Lawrence occurred on the evening of Sunday, September 24, 1911, at his home in Medford, after a painful illness of several weeks.

By his death Boston Commandery has lost one of its most efficient and beloved Commanders. It is not our purpose, however, to trench upon the field of the memorialist whose

duty it will be to place upon permanent record matters pertaining to his life and great achievements in the many walks wherein his personality found scope for its exercise.

He was born on the 22d of November, 1832.

He received the Symbolic Degrees in Hiram Lodge of West Cambridge (now Arlington) on October 5 to 26, 1854, and was the last of the thirteen charter members of Mt. Hermon Lodge of Medford when it was chartered, serving as its sixth Worshipful Master from October, 1862, to January, 1865.

He served the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts as its Grand Master in 1881, 1882 and 1883, during which time he carried into effect the liquidation of the debt resting on the Masonic Temple, making good a statement of his that: "The debt has got to be paid; the Masonic Fraternity of Massachusetts cannot suffer the stigma of having its Temple sold for debt." The result of his labor of love for the institution is known to all, for by his personal efforts the debt was paid.

He was Exalted in St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston, June 13, 1855, and became a member of Mystic Royal Arch Chapter at its constitution, January 25, 1864, serving as its High Priest during the years 1878, 1879 and 1880.

He received the Cryptic Degrees in Boston Council of Royal and Select Masters, September 29, 1864, and became a charter member of Medford Council at its constitution, December 8, 1869.

The Chivalric Orders were conferred on him in De Molay Commandery, No. 7, 1856.

May 19, 1858, he became a member of Boston Commandery, No. 2, serving with conspicuous ability as Sword Bearer in 1871 and 1872; Generalissimo, 1872 and 1873; and Eminent Commander, 1873 to 1875. In 1875 he was elected Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and at the Annual Conclave in 1894 was elected its Grand Commander, serving as Chairman of the Committee on the Twenty-sixth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment K.T., U.S.A., held in Boston, August 27 to 30, 1895.

Under his skilful management and leadership, the Conclave was one of the most successful ever held by the Grand Encampment.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTION

ARTHUR HOWARD HARLEE, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of New Mexico. Born March 28, 1854. Died March 28, 1911.

THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Michigan. Born May 27, 1844. Died April 24, 1911.

ISAAC SAMUEL LOWREY, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Commandery of Arkansas. Born 1838. Died May 14, 1911.

HERMON H. MITHOEFER, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of New Jersey. Born July 11, 1859. Died April 1, 1911.

JAMES HORACE LOYD, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Commandery of New York. Born July 25, 1853. Died May 21, 1911.

WARREN CALHOUN HUBBARD, Past Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of New York. Born January 7, 1858. Died May 31, 1911.

THOMAS N. BOYLE, Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Died June 14, 1911.

JACOB CUNNINGHAM SMITH, JR., Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Tennessee. Born July 19, 1846. Died August 10, 1911.

ELI HENRY MIX, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Missouri. Born November 16, 1826. Died September 1, 1911.

JOHN MARTIN, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Texas. Born October 28, 1845. Died September 7, 1911.

ST. JOHN'S DAY

The observance of St. John's Day by the Commanderies throughout the Jurisdiction, with parade or outing, or both combined, seems to be of increasing interest, and rapidly becoming a pleasing feature and factor in the Templar life. Many invitations to participate in these festivities were received by your Grand Commander and duly acknowledged with thanks.

The following general order was issued:

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
15 GRACE STREET,

MALDEN, MASS., May 24, 1911.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5.
SERIES 1910-1911.

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

GREETING: In order that the several Commanderies of this Jurisdiction may observe the Anniversary of St. John's Day by a Pilgrimage or Field Day,

I, by virtue of the power in me vested as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, hereby grant this, my dispensation, authorizing the Commanderies throughout this Jurisdiction to parade within this Jurisdiction in full Templar uniform, with or without banners and music, during the period between and including the 20th and 27th days of June, 1911, for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of St. John's Day.

Due and proper return will be made to me of the action had under this authority within thirty days of its acceptance, and this dispensation filed in the Archives of the Commandery and spread in full upon its records.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery this 24th day of May, A.D. 1911, A.O. 793.

J. ALBERT BLAKE,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

B. W. ROWELL,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL]

Under the authority granted by this Order the following Commanderies celebrated St. John's Day by Pilgrimage or Outing.

AT ORANGE, MASS.

Orange Commandery, No. 45, of Orange, Mass., as escort.
Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, of Worcester, Mass.
Springfield Commandery, No. 6, of Springfield, Mass.
Berkshire Commandery, No. 22, of Pittsfield, Mass.
Connecticut Valley Commandery, No. 23, of Greenfield, Mass.
Athol Commandery, No. 37, of Athol, Mass.
St. Paul Commandery, No. 40, of North Adams, Mass.
Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 46, of Gardner, Mass.

Em. Sir W. W. Johnson, Grand Captain General, was detailed as Reviewing Officer, and his report follows:

WORCESTER, MASS., July 15, 1911.

J. ALBERT BLAKE, ESQ.,

Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Dear and Right Eminent Sir: Acting under your order of June 16, detailing me as Reviewing Officer on the occasion of the Field Day and Parade celebrating St. John's Day, at Orange, Mass., June 24th, 1911, by the Commanderies located in the western part of the state, I have the honor to report as follows:

I went to Orange, June 23, and on arrival was most cordially received by the Eminent Commander and Reception Committee and escorted to Headquarters at the Putnam House. The reviewing officer was very highly honored by the presence of Right Eminent Grand Commander, J. Albert Blake; Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Frank L. Nagle; Eminent Grand Standard-bearer, Samuel D. Sherwood; Eminent Grand Lecturer, Dr. W. J. Bolton; Eminent Grand Warder, R. Walter Hilliard; Eminent Deputy Grand Warder, Charles A. Harrington, and Eminent Past Grand Lecturer, Frank L. Davis, all taking positions on the reviewing stand in front of the residence of Sir Knight Fred H. Sprague.

The march was short — lines moving at half-past ten. Commanderies participating, and formation was as follows:

Orange, No. 45, as escort; Grand Officers in automobile; Worcester County Commandery, No. 5, of Worcester; Springfield Commandery, No. 6, of Springfield; Berkshire Commandery, No. 22, of Pittsfield; Connecticut Valley Commandery, No. 23, of Greenfield; Athol Commandery, No. 37, of Athol; St. Paul Commandery, No. 40, of North Adams; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 46, of Gardner.

The Commanderies made a magnificent appearance as they passed the reviewing stand and the reviewing officer had occasion to feel proud of the Commanderies of the western part of the state.

After the lines were dismissed, the Sir Knights took special electric cars for Brookside Park—a beautiful place and admirably adapted for the sports and entertainment of the day.

A fine dinner was served and greatly enjoyed by all, after which fraternal and knightly greetings were extended. Then a very interesting and exciting game of basket-ball was played; wrestling match and boxing match, and last, but not least, a vaudeville show, which the Chairman of the Committee of Sports assured me was all by local talent, but there was some doubt expressed in regard to that, for one would have to go to a metropolitan city to see its equal, in some particulars.

The arrangements were carried out to perfection and it seemed to be the unanimous opinion that this was one of the most enjoyable Field Days ever held in Western Massachusetts.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Courteously yours,

WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
Grand Captain General.

Newburyport Commandery, No. 3, of Newburyport, Mass., participated in a pilgrimage to Keene, N.H., as a guest of Hugh de Payens Commandery of that city, enjoying the hospitality of Hugh de Payens Commandery to the fullest extent, and returning the same day.

Bay State Commandery, No. 38, of Brockton, Mass., went to New Bedford and, after parade, enjoyed a sail down the bay to Oak Bluffs with dinner and entertainment.

Pilgrim Commandery, No. 9, of Lowell, Mass., observed the day by pilgrimage in full regalia with music and banners by a visit to Dunlap Commandery of Bath, Me.

Jerusalem Commandery, No. 19, of Fitchburg, Mass., made a pilgrimage to St. John, N.B., leaving June 22 and returning June 25; 158 Sir Knights out of a membership of 340 participated in this pilgrimage.

Haverhill Commandery, No. 14, of Haverhill. Ninety Sir Knights of this Commandery celebrated June 23 and 24 by an outing in automobile to Hotel Wentworth, New Castle, N.H.

Boston Commandery, No. 2, of Boston, Mass., made a pilgrimage to the White Mountains with banners and music and accompanied by their ladies, leaving Boston on June 23 and returning on June 25.

South Shore Commandery, No. 31, of Weymouth, Mass. Seventy of the Sir Knights enjoyed an outing or Field Day by a sail down Boston Harbor, accompanied by Em. Sir A. W. Fay and several Sir Knights of Quincy Commandery, No. 47, U.D.

Bethany Commandery, No. 17, of Lawrence, Mass. Paraded without banners or music and attended divine service at Trinity Congregational Church, June 25, where a service appropriate to the occasion was rendered.

Sutton Commandery, No. 16, of New Bedford, Mass., made a pilgrimage to Manchester, N.H., with music and banners, where they were the guests of Trinity Commandery of Manchester, on June 23 and 24.

OTHER DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Beauseant Commandery, No. 41, of Malden, Mass. Pilgrimage to Rye Beach, N.H., on June 17 and 18, without music or banners; 137 Sir Knights and ladies attended.

Calvary Commandery, No. 13, of Providence, R.I., to attend divine service Sunday, May 28, with banners and without music. Also to hold special Conclave June 26 for the purpose of conferring the Templar and Malta Degrees.

Gethsemane Commandery, No. 35, of Newtonville, Mass., to parade in full Templar uniform with banners and without music to attend special Ascensiontide service at the Church of the Messiah, Auburndale, Mass., Sunday, May 28, 1911.

Saint Paul Commandery, No. 40, of North Adams, Mass. Pilgrimage to visit Taft Commandery of Bennington, Vt., in full Templar Regalia, with banners and music, August 16.

Cambridge Commandery, No. 42, of Cambridge, Mass., to parade in Cambridge in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, at the Annual Conclave, and the first Conclave to be held in the new Masonic Temple in that city, Sept. 26, 1911; 110 Sir Knights participated in the parade.

Permission was requested from other Grand Commanderies or Grand Priorities whose territory was invaded and in all cases was courteously granted.

REQUESTS

A request from Saint Johns Commandery, No. 1, of Providence, R.I., to obtain permission from the Grand Commandery of California to allow Berkeley Commandery, No. 42, of Berkeley, California, to confer the orders upon Companion William Bradford Hayes, who was duly elected in Saint Johns Commandery, No. 1, on June 2, 1911.

Said request was made and honored by an order issued September 25, 1911, by the Grand Commander of California.

A request from the Grand Commander of Vermont asking Springfield Commandery for release of jurisdiction over Companion Geo. W. Hobart in favor of Mt. Zion Commandery, No. 9, of Montpelier, Vt.

This request was duly granted by Springfield Commandery on June 5, 1911, and duly forwarded.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

October 20, upon the recommendation of the Grand Commander of New Hampshire, a commission as Grand Representative of Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire was issued to Sir Knight Charles Sullivan Parker of Concord, N.H., to fill a vacancy caused by the decease of Sir Knight John McLane.

THIRTY-SECOND TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

In accordance with the action of the Grand Commandery at the last Annual Conclave, I appointed a committee, consisting of Em. Sirs B. W. Rowell and Frank L. Nagle, to make the necessary arrangements for the convenience of this Grand Commandery at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment to be held in Denver in 1913, which committee will report to you later in the day.

I am also in receipt of correspondence from R. Em. Sir Wm. H. Norris, Chairman of Committee of Arrangements, stating that all hotel contracts must be made through the Denver Templar Hotel Committee, and suggesting that subordinate Commanderies give this matter early attention.

R. E. SIR J. ALBERT BLAKE,

*Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K.T.,
Malden, Mass.*

Right Eminent Sir and Dear Frater: I am directed by the Grand Master to advise you that accompanied by V. E. Sir Lee S. Smith, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, and myself, as Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee of Arrangements for the Triennial Conclave of 1913, the Grand Master made an official visit to the city of Denver on September 24th to 27th. A three days' session with the Denver Conclave Committee was held with most satisfactory results. I am firmly of the opinion that the preliminaries made for the Conclave of 1913 insure a great success. The Brown Palace Hotel was chosen as the official headquarters of the Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Encampment. Contracts were entered into with the Brown Palace Hotel and with other equally good hotels for sufficient space to accommodate all of the different Grand Commanderies of the country. These reservations were made in the form of options that will be in force until December 1, 1911, and the rooms so reserved for Grand Commanderies cannot be taken by Subordinate Commanderies until after the expiration of such options. No hotel in Denver is of sufficient size to take care of all of the Grand Encampment members. We suggest, therefore, that an early application for quarters be made to the Denver Triennial Conclave Hotel Committee, Em. Sir W. F. Mills, Secretary, P.O. Box 268, Denver, Colorado. This committee will be able to

secure satisfactory accommodations, if applications for quarters are sent so as to reach Denver within the next two months. No hotel contracts had been made prior to the date of contracting with the Grand Encampment for official headquarters, but immediately thereafter the representatives of several Grand and Subordinate Commanderies of the country were present and closed contracts for rooms and accommodations during the 1913 Conclave. All of these hotel contracts must be made through the Denver Templar Hotel Committee, as it was the consensus of opinion that that committee would be able to get lower rates and better accommodations than if the matter should be taken up directly with the hotels. Our Colorado Fraters will make strenuous efforts to excel all previous Triennials in the matter of hospitality and magnificent entertainment. Additional information will be sent you from time to time through our committee. We are assured of very low rates of transportation, and a generous list of most desirable excursions to all parts of Colorado has been promised.

Hoping that your Grand Commandery will be largely represented at this Conclave and asking that you send such information as you may think necessary to the Subordinate Commanderies of your jurisdiction concerning the necessity of a prompt application for quarters — giving the address of the hotel committee with such information — I beg to remain, in behalf of our Committee of Arrangements,

Courteously and fraternally yours,

W. H. NORRIS,
Chairman.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Under date of August 5, 1911, the following letter was received from M. E. William B. Melish, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, which is self-explanatory.

R. E. SIR J. ALBERT BLAKE,
Grand Commander, Knights Templars,
15 Grace St., Malden, Mass.

Right Eminent and Dear Sir: I thank you very much for your congratulations upon my attaining the age of fifty-nine years.

I was greatly surprised on July 28, my birthday, in reaching my office, to find somewhat over one hundred night-letter telegrams, letters, telegrams, and other evidences of the good-will

and cordial friendship of friends, who evidently had been "put wise" to the fact that I was to have a birthday anniversary. It made the day one of greater pleasure than if I had not heard from them.

I reciprocate all your good wishes, and hope that good health, happiness and prosperity may be yours for many years to come.

Very sincerely yours,

WM. B. MELISH.

HENRY WARREN RUGG MONUMENT AND MEMORIAL FUND

Supplementary to Circular Letter No. 2, in regard to the Fund, on August 23 Circular Letter No. 3 was issued, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
MALDEN, MASS., August 23, 1911.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 3,
SERIES OF 1910-1911.

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of the Several Commanderies in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commander, K. T., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights: Your attention is again called to the matter of the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund, circular having been sent to all Commanderies last March with the request that the Commanders and Sir Knights contribute toward this worthy object such sums as in their judgment they could afford to give.

Some of the Commanderies have responded; more have not. It is especially urgent that this matter be given attention at once, as the Fund will be closed with the Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery in October next. Kindly give the matter your personal attention.

The objects of this Fund are well known to all the Commanderies in this Jurisdiction and it is needless to reiterate them here. The Most Eminent Grand Master, William B. Melish, who is chairman of the Fund Committee, is very anxious that the matter should be closed. Therefore, you are again urged to give it prompt attention.

The funds that may be contributed should be forwarded directly to the Grand Treasurer, Herbert F. Morse, 479 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, Mass.

Eminent Commanders are ordered to have this letter read at the head of the Commandery at the next Conclave after its

receipt, and they are especially urged to impress upon the minds of the Sir Knights the importance of immediate action.

Per order of the Committee,

R. E. Sir J. ALBERT BLAKE, *Grand Commander*,
V. E. Sir LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR, *Deputy Grand Commander*,
E. Sir FRANK L. NAGLE, *Grand Generalissimo*,
E. Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON, *Grand Captain General*.

J. ALBERT BLAKE,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

B. W. ROWELL,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL]

QUINCY COMMANDERY, NO. 47, U.D.

The Grand Commandery at its semi-annual Conclave continued the Dispensation under which this Commandery is working until our Annual Conclave in October. The Dispensation expires by limitation today, and some action should be taken by this Grand Commandery, either to continue the Dispensation or grant a Charter. In accordance with the Grand Constitution of the Grand Commandery I commissioned Em. Sir R. W. Hilliard, Grand Warder, as an Inspecting Officer, and his reports show a membership of 211; 103 have provided themselves with full Templar Regalias. Their quarters are ample and well adapted for conferring the Order of Knighthood. They are fully equipped with all necessary paraphernalia, including banners. They have conferred the Orders on 28 candidates. Financially they are in excellent condition, with no debts, and a treasury balance of nearly \$400.

I am satisfied that they are in every way worthy of receiving a Charter.

DECISIONS

Requests for rulings and decisions have been received, all of minor importance, and answered by reference to former decisions contained in the Constitution and Statutes of Grand Encampment Knights Templar and the Proceedings of Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

COURTESIES AND VISITS

Many invitations have been received to participate in the festivities attending the social life of subordinate Commanderies. I have attended as many as possible and have enjoyed to the fullest extent the hours given to these occasions.

CONCLUSION

In a few hours my tenure of office as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island will have ceased. I have felt greatly honored in having been called to this high position. The errors of omission and commission are ever with us, and we seldom realize our ideals. I have tried to maintain the high standard established by my predecessors. I am profoundly grateful for the support and kindly assistance given me by one and all in bearing the responsibilities of the office, and pledge my Knightly word that upon my retirement to the ranks the sincerity of purpose and strength of endeavor which have actuated me through the many years of Masonic service shall continue until the end. My hope is that the future of Templar Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, as in the past, will be one of honor, ever true and loyal to the teachings of the Divine Master.

On motion of Rt. Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey the address was ordered referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
BOSTON, October 26, 1911.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the remaining portion of the semi-annual Address of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, have attended to their duty and beg to respectfully report that they have considered the dispensations reported, and find that they seem to have been properly and legally issued and should receive the approval of the Grand Commandery.

Your committee also note that matters in connection with inspections, which were referred to and reported upon in their last report; have been taken up by the Right Eminent, and

such matters have apparently been arranged to the full satisfaction and in the interest of all concerned.

They desire to express their satisfaction at the outcome of suggestions made in that report.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. STOTT,
JOHN P. SANBORN,
DANA J. FLANDERS,

Committee on Jurisprudence.

This report was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

Boston, October 26, 1911.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander:

Your Committee on By-Laws submit the following Report:

We have examined the amendment of Pilgrim Commandery relating to change of date of Regular Conclave; that of South Shore Commandery relating to auditing of books.

That of St. Bernard Commandery raising fee for membership from \$25 to \$50.

The amendments of Bay State Commandery relating to Trustees of Funds.

Of De Molay Commandery relating to Fees for Orders.

Those of Joseph Warren Commandery relating to Petition and Fees and Cœur de Lion relating to Regalia.

These several amendments being in harmony with the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, we recommend their approval; also those of Cambridge Commandery on Fees and Regalia and Boston Commandery relative to Fees and Regalia.

(Signed) HARRY HUNT,
E. BENTLEY YOUNG,
EDGAR S. TAFT.

This report was upon motion accepted and approved.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee on Correspondence, through E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, reported in print, and copies of the report were distributed to the members present.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THIRTY-SECOND TRIENNIAL OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT AT DENVER, 1913

Boston, October 26, 1911.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Eminent Sir Knights of Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Your Committee on Triennial Conclave in Denver in 1913 beg leave to report that they have visited Denver and have made a contract with the Brown Palace Hotel at very satisfactory terms for seventeen sleeping rooms and two head-quarter rooms, for use of those who will attend the Conclave; and for the grand ball room for reception purposes on the evening of Wednesday, August 13.

The headquarters rooms are situated on the first floor above the office and are in every way adapted for the prominence that this Grand Commandery is entitled to, situated in close proximity to the headquarters of the Most Eminent Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Encampment.

The committee are not at this time able to name transportation rates, as that matter has not yet been taken up by the various transportation committees.

The sleeping-rooms for the representatives of this Grand Commandery are to be occupied by but two people in a room and will be so situated as to be perfectly satisfactory to all who may attend.

From the information obtained by your committee, they are fully satisfied that ample quarters at reasonable rates can be obtained by any of the subordinate Commanderies who desire to attend, there being ample hotel accommodations for all.

Your committee desires to make this a report of progress.

Courteously and fraternally,

B. W. ROWELL,
FRANK L. NAGLE,

Committee.

On motion this report of the Committee was agreed to.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MATTER OF INFRINGEMENT OF JURISDICTION BETWEEN DE MOLAY COMMANDERY No. 7 AND SOUTH SHORE COMMANDERY No. 31

Boston, October 26, 1911.

The Committee to whom was referred the complaint of South Shore Commandery that the Orders have been irregularly conferred in De Molay Commandery upon Companion Ross Vroom, claimed to be a resident of Hingham, respectfully report:

At a hearing given by the Committee at which representatives of both Commanderies and Dr. Vroom in person were present, the following facts were ascertained and agreed upon:

On May 25, 1910, Companion Vroom made application to De Molay Commandery for the Orders of Knighthood, stating that his residence was 419 Boylston Street, Boston, and that his place of business as a dentist was at the same address. The application was received and referred to a committee, the applicant was elected at the June conclave and received the Orders in due course. At that time he maintained an office in Boston and another in Hingham, at each of which he was present three consecutive days in each week; he frequently, if not regularly, remained in Boston during the nights intervening between his office days in the city; he was assessed a poll tax by the Boston assessors in 1909 and 1910, which he paid. It also appeared that he was assessed a poll tax in 1909 in Hingham, which was afterwards abated. He took a three-years' lease of a house in Hingham in the latter part of 1909, which he occupied with his wife and child, and later purchased another; he was assessed a poll tax and property tax in Hingham in April, 1910, and paid the entire bill (although he now claims that he did not intend to pay the poll tax). He provided for the expenses of house and table in Hingham, his child attended a private school in that town, and he is a resident member of a social organization known as the Hingham Club. He has never become a voter in either the city or the town. His fitness to receive the Orders was not disputed.

De Molay Commandery appears to have taken the usual course in dealing with this application. A competent committee was appointed; the candidate was found at the place where he claimed to be residing, as stated in the application. Your Committee are unable to find that any blame attaches to the Commandery in the matter, even if the candidate's residence was not in Boston, for it had a right to rely upon his representations, substantiated by the fact that he was found at the place named as his residence, and the question to be considered by the Committee is whether Companion Vroom's residence was actually within the jurisdiction of the Commandery at the time of his making the application.

Jurisdiction is perhaps the most difficult of the problems to be considered in our Masonic government. So far as the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is concerned, it has been reduced, by the marking out of defined geographical bounds, to the question of residence. There can be no doubt that residence for Masonic purposes and legal resi-

dence — residence for the enjoyment of civic and political rights — are the same. The assessment of a poll tax and the payment of the tax are, in Massachusetts, *prima facie* evidence of legal residence, but they only show the willingness of the person assessed to be considered a resident of the place of assessment, and, if any objection arises, must be controlled and their force may be set aside by the act of the individual in establishing his domicile, the place where he keeps and makes use of his household belongings, the place where his family dwell. No person can have more than one domicile at the same time.

If the individual is unmarried, he has greater independence in respect to domicile than after he has given hostages to society in the person of a wife and children. Until then, custom, if not law, permits him to retain his domicile at the home of his parents, if there has been no interruption of his claims to such a domicile; that is, if he has not taken upon himself any of the civic duties and responsibilities of a resident elsewhere. If he has a family of his own and provides a place for them to inhabit, and occupies that place with them the whole or a part of the time, he has established his home. There is his legal domicile, and since a man can have but one, there is his residence. He cannot change it by any temporary removal, or the transfer of a portion of his household effects to any other municipality, retaining his former place of abode with the intention of returning to it. The domicile once fixed, by the making of a home for himself and his family, is his residence until his intention and his action concur in departure to some other town or city with a view to permanent removal.

Your Committee are of the opinion that Dr. Vroom had established a domicile in Hingham before the date of his making application to De Molay Commandery, that his residence consequently was in that town, and that he was in error when he stated in his application that he was a resident of Boston. Under these conditions, he did not, when the Orders were conferred upon him, become clandestine, for he received them in a regular body, but by reason of the incorrect statement in his application, and his residence outside of the jurisdiction of the Commandery, he was irregularly made. If it had been shown to your Committee that the statement was made wilfully, and that he did not think he had a right to make it, in view of his assessment and payment of the poll tax in Boston, they would suggest vigorous discipline, but they feel that he has suffered sufficiently in the interruption of his privileges as a Knight Templar while his case has been under consideration. If he

was advised to the making of the statement as to his residence by some one who was or should have been better informed, the Committee regret that they are unable to reach and hold up to censure or visit with severer punishment such a false counselor.

As an adjustment of the matter between the Commanderies, and to fix the standing of Dr. Vroom himself, your Committee recommend that De Molay Commandery pay to South Shore Commandery the fee which is charged by that body for the Orders, and that the acknowledgment of satisfaction for invasion of its territory shall operate as a release of jurisdiction by South Shore Commandery and the irregular making of the candidate shall thereby be cured.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. DAVIS,
B. W. ROWELL,
J. GILMAN WAITE,
Committee.

On motion to accept and adopt the report and the recommendations thereon contained, it was unanimously so ordered.

ACTION ON APPLICATION OF QUINCY COMMANDERY No. 47, U.D.
FOR CHARTER

On motion of Em. Sir Gardner R. P. Barker of South Shore Commandery,

It was upon vote unanimously ordered that a Charter be granted to Quincy Commandery, 47, U.D., with exclusive jurisdiction over the city of Quincy.

That the matter of concurrent jurisdiction over the town of Braintree with South Shore Commandery be referred to a committee to give all parties interested a hearing.

ACTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

R. E. Sir Herbert F. Morse offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie over until the Annual Conclave in October, 1911.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION

CONCLAVES. SECTION 7. Strike out in the second line "and May of each year"; in the second and third lines "and place," and in the third line the words "in October," and in the fifth line all after the word "business," and substitute for the same:

SECTION 7. This Grand Commandery shall hold its Annual Conclave in October of each year at such time as the Presiding Officer shall appoint. The meeting in 1912 shall be held in the city of Boston; in 1913 in the city of Providence, and alternately thereafter in Boston and Providence, for the election of officers and transaction of the annual business. Special Conclaves may be held at the pleasure of the presiding officer, but no business shall be transacted at the Special Conclave save that which was specified in the original notice.

On motion of R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn it was ordered that consideration of the proposed amendment be indefinitely postponed.

FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO GRAND FUND

On motion of R. E. Sir F. C. Hersey it was voted that the sum of \$1,000, now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, be transferred to the Trustees of the Grand Fund.

ROLL-CALL OF COMMANDERIES

Upon calling the roll of Commanderies all responded as follows:

NAME OF COMMANDERY	No. OF COMMANDERY	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY
St. Johns.....	1	Providence, R.I.
Boston.....	2	Boston, Mass.
Newburyport.....	3	Newburyport, Mass.
Washington.....	4	Newport, R.I.
Worcester County.....	5	Worcester, Mass.
Springfield.....	6	Springfield, Mass.
De Molay.....	7	Boston, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre.....	8	Pawtucket, R.I.
Pilgrim.....	9	Lowell, Mass.
Palestine.....	10	Chelsea, Mass.
Milford.....	11	Milford, Mass.
St. Bernard.....	12	Boston, Mass.
Calvary.....	13	Providence, R.I.
Haverhill.....	14	Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony.....	15	Abington, Mass.
Sutton.....	16	New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany.....	17	Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis.....	18	Salem, Mass.
Jerusalem.....	19	Fitchburg, Mass.
Hugh de Payens.....	20	Melrose, Mass.
St. Omer.....	21	Dorchester, Mass.
Berkshire.....	22	Pittsfield, Mass.
Connecticut Valley.....	23	Greenfield, Mass.
Woonsocket.....	24	Woonsocket, R.I.
Godfrey de Bouillon.....	25	Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Warren.....	26	Roxbury, Mass.
Narragansett.....	27	Westerly, R.I.
William Parkman.....	28	East Boston, Mass.
Bristol.....	29	Attleboro, Mass.
Northampton.....	30	Northampton, Mass.
South Shore.....	31	East Weymouth, Mass.
Trinity.....	32	Hudson, Mass.
Natick.....	33	Natick, Mass.
Cœur de Lion.....	34	Charlestown, Mass.
Gethsemane.....	35	Newtonville, Mass.
Olivet.....	36	Lynn, Mass.
Athol.....	37	Athol, Mass.
Bay State.....	38	Brockton, Mass.
Cyprus.....	39	Hyde Park, Mass.
St. Paul.....	40	North Adams, Mass.
Beauseant.....	41	Malden, Mass.
Cambridge.....	42	Cambridge, Mass.
Bethlehem.....	43	Gloucester, Mass.
St. George.....	44	Beverly, Mass.
Orange.....	45	Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe.....	46	Gardner, Mass.
Quincy.....	47	Quincy, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS NEAR THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND RHODE ISLAND

The Grand Recorder called the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, when the following responded:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	REPRESENTATIVE
Alabama.....	R..E..Sir William H. H. Soule
Arizona.....	R..E..Sir E. Bentley Young
Connecticut.....	E..Sir Arthur W. Dennis
Florida.....	E..Sir Henry S. Rowe
Georgia.....	E..Sir Henry G. Jordan
Idaho.....	E..Sir Judson C. Mackenzie
Indiana.....	R..E..Sir Edwin A. Blodgett
Indian Territory.....	R..E..Sir Walter W. Burnham
Iowa.....	E..Sir Walter F. Medding
Kansas.....	E..Sir Charles A. Estey
Kentucky.....	R..E..Sir John P. Sanborn
Louisiana.....	E..Sir George E. Stacy
Maryland.....	R..E..Sir Walter W. Burnham
Maine.....	E..Sir Freeman C. Hersey
Mississippi.....	E..Sir Benjamin W. Rowell
Nebraska.....	E..Sir Frank T. Pearce
New Jersey.....	E..Sir Lafayette G. Blair
New Mexico.....	R..E..Sir Dana J. Flanders
New York.....	R..E..Sir George H. Allen
North Carolina.....	E..Sir Frank L. Nagle
North Dakota.....	E..Sir Charles E. Pierce
Ohio.....	R..E..Sir Charles I. Litchfield
Oklahoma.....	R..E..Sir Caleb Saunders
Oregon.....	E..Sir Harry Hunt
Pennsylvania.....	E..Sir Arthur G. Pollard
South Carolina.....	E..Sir Benjamin W. Rowell
Tennessee.....	E..Sir J. Gilman Waite
Texas.....	E..Sir J. Albert Blake
Vermont.....	E..Sir Isaac Chase
Virginia.....	E..Sir Charles C. Spellman
West Virginia.....	E..Sir Clinton D. Sellew
Wisconsin.....	E..Sir William W. Johnson
Wyoming.....	E..Sir Eugene A. Holton

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE DAY

The Committee of the Day, consisting of E.:Sirs Eugene A. Holton, Everett C. Benton and J. Gilman Waite, reported that dinner was ready to be served in the banquet hall at 12.30 o'clock, and tickets would be distributed to all present upon application to the Grand Recorder.

AT REFRESHMENT

The hour of 12.30 o'clock having arrived, the R.:E.:Grand Commander declared a recess until two o'clock P.M.

The Sir Knights then repaired to the banquet hall and enjoyed a bountiful repast that had been prepared under the supervision of the Committee of the Day.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The hour of two o'clock having arrived, the Sir Knights were called to order in the Asylum, and the business of the Conclave proceeded with.

RESIGNATION OF EM.:SIR JOHN CARR AS TRUSTEE OF THE
GRAND FUND

October 26, 1911.

Right Eminent Sir:

I regret that my health for the last year having been more or less impaired, I feel compelled to tender my resignation as one of the Trustees of the Grand Fund, to take effect on election of my successor.

Deeply appreciating the honor conferred upon me by the Grand Commandery for the past eighteen years and the confidence reposed in me, I am,

Most courteously yours,

JOHN CARR,
Trustee of the Grand Fund.

R.:E.:SIR J. ALBERT BLAKE,
*Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K.T.,
Massachusetts and Rhode Island.*

On motion the resignation was accepted and the Grand Recorder directed to extend to Em.:Sir Carr the thanks of the Grand Commandery for his faithful service and the sorrow and regrets of all at his resignation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers being the next business in order, the R.:E.:Grand Commander appointed as a Committee to distribute, sort and count the ballots:

R.:E.:Sir E. Bentley Young, Em.:Sirs George W. Knowlton and Edward G. Graves, and a second Committee consisting of R.:E.:Sir Walter W. Burnham, Em.:Sirs Frank L. Davis and Charles E. Prior.

The first Committee having counted the ballots for R.:E.:Grand Commander reported that the whole number of votes cast was 242, of which V.:Em.:Sir Blair had 231, and he was declared elected.

The R.:Em.:Grand Commander appointed as a Committee to retire and introduce V.:Em.:Sir Blair all the Past Grand Commanders present.

The Committee having performed their duty, presented V.:Em.:Sir Blair, who upon being informed of his election, accepted the office.

The election was then proceeded with and resulted in the unanimous election of the following-named Em.:Sir Knights.

Deputy Grand Commander	Em.:Sir FRANK L. NAGLE
Grand Generalissimo	Em.:Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON
Grand Captain General	Em.:Sir WALTER F. MEDDING
Grand Senior Warden	Em.:Sir FREDERICK I. DANA

For Grand Junior Warden the Committee reported the number of votes cast as 270, of which Em.:Sir Henry H. Litchfield had 113 and Em.:Sir Samuel D. Sherwood had 157, and was elected.

Grand Treasurer, Herbert F. Morse.

Grand Recorder, Benjamin W. Rowell.

Trustee of the Grand Fund for three years, Em.:Sir William J. Hobbs.

Trustee of the Grand Fund for one year, Em.:Sir Roland O. Lamb.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

R. E. Sir J. Albert Blake, assisted by R. E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, acting Grand Marshal, then installed into office the R. E. Grand Commander-elect, R. E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair.

R. E. Sir Blair then announced the following appointments:

APPOINTMENTS

Em. Sir R. PERRY BUSH	Grand Prelate
Rev. Sir FREDERICK W. HAMILTON	Associate Grand Prelate
Em. Sir WILLIAM H. EMERSON	Grand Standard Bearer
Em. Sir WILLIAM J. BOLTON	Grand Sword Bearer
Em. Sir CHARLES E. PIERCE	Grand Warder
Em. Sir EVERETT C. BENTON	Grand Captain of Guards
Em. Sir HARRY G. POLLARD	} Grand Lecturers
Em. Sir ISAAC CHASE	
Em. Sir FRANK T. PEARCE	
Em. Sir ALBERT W. FAY	
Em. Sir CHARLES R. HUNT	
Em. Sir E. PERCY DAVIS	} Grand Sentinel
Em. Sir WILLIAM E. WILCOX	

Committee on Correspondence

Em. Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL

Committee on Jurisprudence

R. E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT, R. E. Sir JOHN P. SANBORN
R. E. Sir DANA J. FLANDERS

Committee on Finance

Em. Sir JOHN M. RAYMOND Em. Sir JAMES S. BLAKE
Em. Sir CHARLES O. WELCH

Committee on By-Laws

Em. Sir HARRY HUNT R. E. Sir E. BENTLEY YOUNG
Em. Sir EDGAR S. TAFT

Committee on Printing

Em. Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL Em. Sir EDWARD G. GRAVES
Em. Sir J. GILMAN WAITE

Committee on Credentials

Em. Sir S. EVERETT TINKHAM Em. Sir JOSEPH H. POTTER
Em. Sir DANIEL C. HUNT

REMARKS BY THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER

Rt. Em. Sir Lafayette G. Blair then addressed the Em. Sir Knights as follows:

Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights: Believing that there is no occasion like the present, I desire at this time to lay before you certain topics for your consideration.

While we may justly congratulate ourselves upon the general prosperity of our Order, and particularly within our own Jurisdiction, nevertheless this gives us no warrant for cessation of efforts or relaxation of vigilance in guarding against error and promoting the best interests of our Institution.

The accomplishments of the past are but milestones along the path of our progress hither; and although they are useful as indicating the direction and distance we have traveled, it is for us who assume the unfinished work of our worthy predecessors to go forward and establish new outposts which, mayhap, will be but starting points for those who follow us.

This is a world of continual progress; and we must either keep step in the onward march of human events or, falling by the wayside, perish.

We claim for this Order of Christian Knighthood a place second to none among social organizations of men; and we are recognized by the outside world as the first among our equals.

Whether it be in the performance of our solemn rites within the Asylum, or marching with music and banners on public parade, we exhibit those virtues of discipline and *esprit de corps* which challenge the admiration and command the respect of all beholders.

To maintain the high standing already attained and to magnify our Order is our bounden duty.

To successfully accomplish this, however, will require our earnest, faithful efforts.

To this accomplishment, the officers whom you choose this day solemnly pledge themselves.

But we must have your help.

Without it we can do nothing.

In order to promote that harmony which is the strength of all institutions I offer for your consideration the following recommendations:

1. That a special committee of three be appointed to investigate, and report at the coming semi-annual Conclave, upon the best methods of keeping the records of a Commandery, to the end that there may be established a uniform system throughout the Jurisdiction.

2. That a copy of the General Orders and Circulars issued by the Grand Commander, or by his authority, be mailed to each member of the Grand Commandery, instead of being restricted to heads of Commanderies and Grand Officers.

3. That each inspecting officer be authorized and empowered to designate and appoint as his executive officer an Eminent Sir Knight, whose title shall be "Deputy Grand Warder," and whose functions at inspection shall be similar to those exercised by the Grand Warder.

4. We are the oldest Grand Templar Jurisdiction in existence, and take rank with the best; but I observe that the jewels of our Grand Officers do not comport with our dignity and exalted position. I would, therefore, recommend that a committee of three be appointed to consider the advisability of procuring for, at least, the first four Officers of Grand Commandery jewels appropriate to the station of this Grand Commandery in the Templar world, — and report at our Semi-annual Conclave.

5. I am firmly of the opinion that more attention should be given to our deportment in subordinate Commanderies; particularly with reference to appearing in proper uniform and giving correct signs on entering or leaving the asylum; and I would urge upon the Commanders of our subordinate Commanderies that they use their utmost endeavors to have their mem-

bers wear uniform appropriate to the occasion and to require proper and correct signs both on entering and leaving the asylum.

6. In view of the fact that many Commanderies are considering the desirability of making the entrance fee include the price of a uniform, and in view of the further fact that the Grand Commandery requires one-tenth of such entrance fee, I recommend that appropriate legislation be enacted by this Grand Commandery relieving the subordinate Commanderies from payment on such part of their entrance fees as is represented by the price of the uniform.

I recommend that the question be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

7. It is a matter of just pride that we are the only Grand Commandery which has passed the first century mark of its existence; and none of us who participated will ever forget the brilliant pageant of our one-hundredth anniversary.

A beautiful, artistic medal was struck, commemorating the event, which it is our privilege to wear on all proper occasions. I sincerely hope our Sir Knights will appreciate this privilege and wear this medal as a badge of honor.

8. Because of the great difficulty in finding any particular enactment in our printed proceedings, I recommend that a committee of three be appointed to consider the question of having prepared and published a General Index from the organization of this Grand Body to date, and report at the semi-annual Conclave.

9. It is my opinion that the time has come when this grand jurisdiction should possess a complete manual of Knight Templarism and Tactics of its own, and not be dependent on other systems. The Templar's Companion, adopted in 1876, and the partial set of tactics adopted in 1887, are both out of print; and we require a manual embracing the forms and ceremonies necessary for the complete information of the Sir Knights.

I therefore recommend that two committees of three be appointed to prepare such tactics and manual, and report at our next annual Conclave.

10. It is a matter of common observation, and one in which we should take no pride, that a considerable number of our members evince greater interest in the banquet-hall and smoking-room than in the exercises of the asylum.

While I would in no wise take away, or minimize, our means of social enjoyment it is my belief that the time has come for reformation in that respect; and I, therefore, suggest that in the future, admission to the banquet be by ticket, given out in the asylum under direction of the Eminent Commander.

These are some of the things which I deem it important to call to your attention at this time.

Later, as opportunity offers, I may ask your indulgence for some other suggestions upon which we will confer together and act upon as your wisdom may direct.

In conclusion, I wish to return my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses extended to me in the past, and ask your coöperation in our mutual endeavor to more securely cement together those ties of brotherly love and affection which will make us a power for good in Templar Masonry.

LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR,
Grand Commander.

On motion it was ordered that the address be spread upon the records and the recommendations be adopted.

The remaining officers were then installed into the offices to which they had been elected or appointed and, proclamation having been made, the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was declared duly organized.

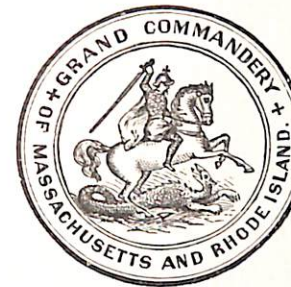
PRESENTATION OF JEWEL

R. E. Sir Blair then, in the name of Grand Commandery, presented to R. E. Sir Blake the regulation Past Grand Commander's jewel.

The business of the Conclave being concluded, the R. E. Grand Commander expressed his thanks for the attention of

the E. Sir Knights in attendance. The Grand Commandery was then declared adjourned after uniting in their devotions with E. Sir Frederick W. Hamilton, Assistant Grand Prelate.

A true record of the official acts and doings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at its Conclaves held during the year.



ATTEST:

W. M. Powell
Grand Recorder.

ORGANIZATION
Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
 AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF
 MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND
 OCTOBER 26, 1911.

R. E. Sir LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR	Grand Commander
R. E. Sir FRANK L. NAGLE	Deputy Grand Commander
E. Sir WILLIAM W. JOHNSON	Grand Generalissimo
E. Sir WALTER F. MEDDING	Grand Captain General
E. Sir FREDERICK I. DANA	Grand Senior Warden
E. Sir SAMUEL D. SHERWOOD	Grand Junior Warden
E. Sir Rev. R. PERRY BUSH	Grand Prelate
Sir Rev. FREDERICK W. HAMILTON	Assistant Grand Prelate
R. E. Sir HERBERT F. MORSE	Grand Treasurer
E. Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL	Grand Recorder
E. Sir WILLIAM H. EMERSON	Grand Standard Bearer
E. Sir WILLIAM J. BOLTON	Grand Sword Bearer
E. Sir CHARLES E. PIERCE	Grand Warder
E. Sir EVERETT C. BENTON	Grand Captain of Guards
E. Sir HARRY G. POLLARD	} Grand Lecturers
E. Sir ISAAC CHASE	
E. Sir FRANK T. PEARCE	
E. Sir ALBERT W. FAY	
E. Sir CHARLES R. HUNT	} Grand Sentinel
E. Sir E. PERCY DAVIS	
E. Sir WILLIAM E. WILCOX	

As Mylin
St. John's
Dorsey
Giltton
Holy Sepulchre

Committee on Correspondence

Em. Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL

Committee on Jurisprudence

R. E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT

R. E. Sir JOHN P. SANBORN

R. E. Sir DANA J. FLANDERS

Committee on Finance

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Em.:Sir CHARLES O. WELCH

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E.:Sir EDGAR S. TAFT

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E.:Sir J. GILMAN WAITE

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E.:Sir S. EVERETT TINKHAM E.:Sir JOSEPH H. POTTER
E.:Sir DANIEL C. HUNT

Trustees of the Grand Fund

R.:E.:Sirs LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR, WILLIAM J. HOBBS, E.:Sir ARTHUR G.
POLLARD, E.:Sir ROLAND O. LAMB, R.:E.:Sir HERBERT F. MORSE

Committee on Thirty-second Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A., in 1913

E.:Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL, *Chairman*
E.:Sir FRANK L. NAGLE

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OFFICERS OF THE
GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1910-1913

At the Thirty-first Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, held at Chicago, Ill., August 9, 1910, the following officers were elected or appointed for the ensuing term of 1910-1913, to wit:

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM BROMWELL MELISH . . . M.:E.:Grand Master
Cincinnati, Ohio

SIR KNIGHT ARTHUR MACARTHUR . . . V.:E.:Deputy Grand Master
Troy, N.Y.

_____ . . . V.:E.:Grand Generalissimo

SIR KNIGHT LEE S. SMITH . . . V.:E.:Grand Captain General
Pittsburgh, Pa.

SIR KNIGHT JOSEPH KYLE ORR . . . V.:E.:Grand Senior Warden
Atlanta, Ga.

SIR KNIGHT JEHEIL W. CHAMBERLIN . . V.:E.:Grand Junior Warden
St. Paul, Minn.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN W. MALDEN . . . V.:E.:Grand Prelate
Cincinnati, Ohio

SIR KNIGHT H. WALES LINES . . . V.:E.:Grand Treasurer
Meriden, Conn.

SIR KNIGHT JOHN ARCHIBALD GEROW . . V.:E.:Grand Recorder
Detroit, Mich.

SIR KNIGHT LEONIDAS P. NEWBY . . . V.:E.:Grand Standard Bearer
Indiana

SIR KNIGHT FREDERICK C. THAYER . . . V.:E.:Grand Sword Bearer
Maine

SIR KNIGHT HOUSTON B. COLEMAN . . . V.:E.:Grand Warder
Michigan

SIR KNIGHT H. N. BOYKIN . . . V.:E.:Grand Captain of the Guard

The Thirty-second Triennial Conclave will be held in the city of Denver, Colo., the second Tuesday in August, 1913.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

No.	TIME OF CONCLAVE	PLACE OF MEETING
1	June 16, 1816.....	New York, N.Y.
2	September 16, 1819.....	New York, N.Y.
3	September 18, 1826.....	New York, N.Y.
4	September 14, 1829.....	New York, N.Y.
5	November 29, 1832.....	Baltimore, Md.
6	December 7, 1835.....	Washington, D.C.
7	September 12, 1838.....	Boston, Mass.
8	September 14, 1841.....	New York, N.Y.
9	September 10, 1844.....	New Haven, Conn.
10	September 12, 1847.....	Columbus, Ohio
11	September 10, 1850.....	Boston, Mass.
12	September 12, 1853.....	Lexington, Ky.
13	September 9, 1856.....	Hartford, Conn.
14	September 13, 1859.....	Chicago, Ill.
15	September 1, 1862.....	New York, N.Y.
16	September 5, 1865.....	Columbus, Ohio
17	September 15, 1868.....	St. Louis, Mo.
18	September 19, 1871.....	Baltimore, Md.
19	December 1, 1874.....	New Orleans, La.
20	August 28, 1877.....	Cleveland, Ohio
21	August 17, 1880.....	Chicago, Ill.
22	August 21, 1883.....	San Francisco, Cal.
23	September 21, 1886.....	St. Louis, Mo.
24	October 8, 1889.....	Washington, D.C.
25	August 9, 1892.....	Denver, Colo.
26	August 17, 1895.....	Boston, Mass.
27	October 11, 1898.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.
28	August 27, 1901.....	Louisville, Ky.
29	September 6, 1904.....	San Francisco, Cal.
30	July 9, 1907.....	Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
31	August 9, 1910.....	Chicago, Ill.

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CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NAME OF COMMANDERY	LOCATION	DATE OF CHARTER	COMMANDER	RECORDER
St. Johns, No. 1.....	Wilmington, Del...	Sept. 18, 1868	E. Sir George M. Fisher	Sir James H. Price
Honolulu, No. 1.....	Honolulu, H.I....	Sept. 22, 1871	E. Sir Arthur M. Merrill	Sir Joshua D. Tucker
Mexico City, No. 1....	Mexico City, Mex...	July 11, 1907	E. Sir James C. Sheldon	Sir Wayne A. White
DeWitt Clinton, No. 1	Reno, Nev.....	Sept. 3, 1868	E. Sir Matthew Kyle...	Sir William Sutherland
Eureka, No. 2.....	Eureka, Nev.....	Dec. 3, 1874	E. Sir John H. Vittle...	Sir John Hancock, Sr.
Malta, U.D.....	Goldfield, Nev....	Jan. 2, 1909	E. Sir Adams F. Brown	Sir Alfred S. Old
Far East, U.D.....	Manila, P.I.....	Dec. 2, 1909	E. Sir James J. Peterson	Sir George N. Hurd

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

GRAND MASTERS FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE DEATH OF DE MOLAY

1	Hugh de Payens.....	1118	14	Philip de Plessis.....	1201
2	Robert of Burgundy.....	1139	15	William de Carnota.....	1217
3	Edward de Barri.....	1147	16	Peter de Montagu.....	1218
4	Bernard de Trenellape.....	1151	17	Armand de Petragrossa.....	1229
5	Bertrand de Blanchefort.....	1154	18	Herman de Petragrorius.....	1237
6	Andrew de Montbar.....	1165	19	William de Rupefort.....	1244
7	Philip of Naplus.....	1169	20	William de Sonnac.....	1247
8	Odo de St. Amand.....	1171	21	Reginald Vichierius.....	1250
9	Annold de Troye.....	1180	22	Thomas Beraud.....	1257
10	John Terricus.....	1185	23	William de Beaujeau.....	1274
11	Gerard Ridefort.....	1187	24	Theobald Gaudinius.....	1291
12	Robert Sablaeus.....	1191	25	Jacques de Molay.....	1298
13	Gilbert Gralius.....	1196	De Molay died in 1314.		

THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

NAME	YEARS	RESIDENCE	DIED
*1 DeWitt Clinton.....	1816-1828	New York, N.Y.....	February 11, 1828
*2 Jonathan Nye.....	1829-1834	Claremont, N.H.....	April 1, 1843
*3 James Madison Allen.....	1835-1844	Cayuga, N.Y.....	.....
*4 Archibald Bull.....	1844-1846	Troy, N.Y.....	December 22, 1865
*5 William B. Hubbard.....	1847-1858	Columbus, Ohio.....	January 5, 1866
*6 Benjamin B. French.....	1859-1864	Washington, D.C.....	August 12, 1870
*7 Henry L. Palmer.....	1865-1867	Milwaukee, Wis.....	May 6, 1909
*8 William Sewall Gardner...	1868-1870	Newton, Mass.....	October 14, 1877
*9 John Q. A. Fellows.....	1871-1873	New Orleans, La.....	November 28, 1897
*10 James H. Hopkins.....	1874-1876	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	June 17, 1904
*11 Vincent L. Hurlbut.....	1877-1879	Chicago, Ill.....	July 24, 1896
*12 Benjamin Dean.....	1880-1882	Boston, Mass.....	April 9, 1897
*13 Robert E. Withers.....	1883-1885	Wytheville, Va.....	September 21, 1907
*14 Charles Roome.....	1886-1889	New York, N.Y.....	June 28, 1890
*15 John P. S. Gobin.....	1889-1892	Lebanon, Pa.....	May 1, 1910
*16 Hugh McCurdy.....	1892-1895	Corunna, Mich.....	July 16, 1908
17 Warren LaRue Thomas...	1895-1898	Maysville, Ky.....	.....
*18 Reuben Hedly Lloyd.....	1898-1901	San Francisco, Cal.....	March 10, 1909
19 Henry B. Stoddard.....	1901-1904	Bryan, Texas.....	.....
20 George M. Moulton.....	1904-1907	Chicago, Ill.....	.....
*21 Henry W. Rugg.....	1907-1910	Providence, R.I.....	July 21, 1910
22 William B. Melish.....	1910-	Cincinnati, O.....	.....

* Deceased.

MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.), "in the year of light."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi (A.M.), "in the year of the world."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.I.), "in the year of discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their Order, Anno Ordinis (A.O.), "in the year of the Order."

Order of High Priesthood date from the year of the blessing of Abram by the High Priest Melchisedek, Anno Benefacio (A.B.), "in the year of blessing."

Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24.

Festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27.

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons — Add 4000 years to the common era.
Thus: 1911 and 4000 — 5911.

Scottish Rite — Add 3760 to the common era. Thus: 1911 and 3760 — 5671. After September add another year.

Royal Arch — Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1911 and 530 — 2441.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1000 to the common time.
Thus: 1910 and 1000 — 2910.

Knights Templars — From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1911 — 793.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of blessing. Thus: 1911 and 1913 — 3824.

MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE

Charter, March 18, 1821

PAST COMMANDERS

[While under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island]

Sir Rev. Solomon Sias

Sir Joseph M. Gerrish

Sir Thomas S. Bowles

Sir Samuel Fessenden

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854 it was removed from Portland to Gardiner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

Charter, June 16, 1825

PAST COMMANDERS

*Sir Rev. Ezekiel L. Bascom, 1825.

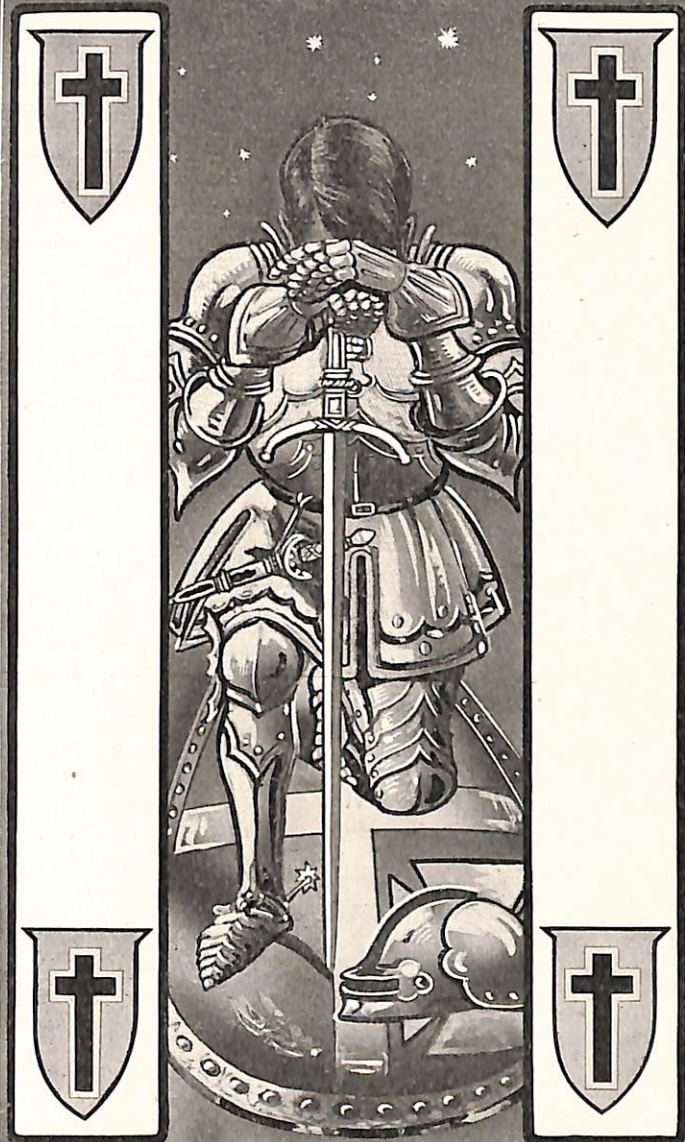
*Sir Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D.D., 1826

*Sir John Warner, 1827

*Sir Rev. Joshua Flagg, 1828

The last recorded Assembly of this Encampment was held April 14, 1829. Its charter was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838. The records were finally restored to the Grand Recorder, November 13, 1876, and are now in the archives of the Grand Commandery.

IN MEMORIAM



In Memoriam

This Page is dedicated to the Em. Sir Knights of
Sister Jurisdictions who have passed to
the great beyond during the year

"No mystic charm, no mortal art,
Can bid our loved Companions stay;
The bands that clasp them to our heart
Snap in death's frost and fall apart;
Like shadows fading with the day,
They pass away."

Mortuary, 1910=1911

St. Johns, No. 1

Sir Timothy P. Dodge . . . Sept. 12, 1910
 Sir Herbert Taylor . . . Sept. 13, 1910
 Sir William A. Rice . . . Dec. 13, 1910
 Sir Alden A. Battey . . . Jan. 2, 1911
 Sir Thos. C. Gladding . . . Feb. 13, 1911
 Sir James H. Smith . . . Feb. 19, 1911
 Sir William D. Turner . . . April 2, 1911
 Sir Emery N. Bixby . . . April 12, 1911
 Sir William F. Bodfish . . . May 9, 1911
 Sir Hartley W. Brown . . . June 5, 1911
 Sir Harvey Heustis . . . July 11, 1911
 Sir Hiram O. Benton . . . July 15, 1911
 Sir Edward C. Holt . . . Aug. 19, 1911

Boston, No. 2

Sir Henry H. Gallison . . . Oct. 19, 1910
 Sir Willis H. Seavey . . . Oct. 29, 1910
 Sir Otis Eddy . . . Nov. 8, 1910
 Sir Willis S. Shepard . . . Nov. 12, 1910
 Sir Augustus B. Endicott . . . Nov. 21, 1910
 Sir William W. Bartlett . . . Dec. 1, 1910
 Sir Edward Griffith . . . Jan. 6, 1911
 Sir William H. C. Noble . . . Jan. 15, 1911
 Sir Walter F. Bicknell . . . Jan. 18, 1911
 Sir Allen P. Boyce . . . Feb. 28, 1911
 Sir Isaac B. Spafford . . . Mar. 6, 1911
 Sir Charles H. Dillaway . . . Mar. 24, 1911
 Sir John A. Bell . . . Mar. 27, 1911
 Sir George P. Eustis . . . April 4, 1911
 Sir Samuel Hano . . . April 8, 1911
 Sir James D. Ronimus . . . April 12, 1911
 Sir Charles P. Flagg . . . April 28, 1911

Sir John H. Bridge . . . April 30, 1911
 Sir William B. Wright . . . May 13, 1911
 Sir Frank P. Davis . . . May 15, 1911
 Sir Joshua F. Sampson . . . July 2, 1911
 Sir Henry M. Rowe . . . July 7, 1911
 Sir Fred H. McLaughlin . . . July 16, 1911
 Sir Charles Moore . . . July 17, 1911
 Sir Henry G. Fay . . . Aug. 4, 1911
 Sir Franklin L. Codman . . . Aug. 7, 1911
 Sir Franklin E. Russell . . . Aug. 19, 1911
 Sir Irving S. Palmer . . . Sept. 19, 1911
 R. E. Sir S. C. Lawrence . . . Sept. 24, 1911

Newburyport, No. 3

Sir Rudolph Jacoby . . . April 14, 1911
 Sir Daniel F. Noyes . . . July 9, 1911

Washington, No. 4

Sir James G. Topham . . . Oct. 4, 1910
 Sir J. Clarke Tucker . . . Oct. 19, 1910
 Sir Edward Wilcox . . . Feb. 25, 1911
 Sir Charles E. Spooner . . . Mar. 22, 1911
 Sir John A. McDonald . . . May 15, 1911
 Sir Charles P. Austin . . . June 19, 1911
 Sir J. G. Springler . . . Aug. 4, 1911
 Sir Overton G. Langley . . . Sept. 23, 1911

Worcester County, No. 5

Sir John W. D. Fifield . . . Oct. 21, 1910
 Sir Frank L. Allen . . . Nov. 13, 1910
 Sir Charles L. Pratt . . . Dec. 19, 1910
 Sir J. Edwin Moulton . . . Jan. 1, 1911
 Sir Robert Cowan . . . Feb. 10, 1911
 Sir Emerson P. Knight . . . Feb. 10, 1911

Sir Sylvester W. Dearborn . . . Feb. 20, 1911
 Sir William A. Dunn . . . Mar. 30, 1911
 Sir Benjamin F. Johnson . . . April 4, 1911
 Sir Fred A. Aldrich . . . May 10, 1911
 Sir Samuel E. Hull . . . May 18, 1911
 Sir Alfred Chaffin . . . June 8, 1911
 Sir Hiram K. French . . . July 6, 1911
 Sir Charles H. Peck . . . Aug. 4, 1911

Springfield, No. 6

Sir Charles R. Kiplinger . . . Nov. 30, 1910
 Sir William A. Carter . . . Dec. 9, 1910
 Sir William Orrell . . . Dec. 13, 1910
 Sir George E. Code . . . Dec. 13, 1910
 Sir Frank W. Lee . . . Dec. 21, 1910
 Sir Charles R. Trask . . . Jan. 8, 1911
 Sir William Whiting . . . Jan. 9, 1911
 Sir Edwin D. Hutchinson . . . Jan. 19, 1911
 Sir Henry R. Gillett . . . Jan. 24, 1911
 Sir William R. Smith . . . Feb. 2, 1911
 Sir William Reardon . . . Feb. 4, 1911
 Sir George R. Pyne . . . Feb. 17, 1911
 Sir Edwin C. Barr . . . Feb. 26, 1911
 Sir Henry M. Phillips . . . Mar. 2, 1911
 Sir Myron R. Williams . . . Mar. 3, 1911
 Sir Ira Johnson . . . Mar. 5, 1911
 Sir Lewis F. Carr . . . Mar. 5, 1911
 Sir Charles F. Morrill . . . Mar. 13, 1911
 Sir E. Dudley Chapin . . . Mar. 23, 1911
 Sir Samuel J. Whyte . . . April 5, 1911
 Sir Frank A. Holden . . . April 23, 1911
 Sir Edwin S. Stacy . . . April 30, 1911
 Sir Edward N. Newhall . . . May 15, 1911
 Sir Eben Luther . . . June 5, 1911
 Sir Robert Lade . . . June 7, 1911
 Sir George W. Richards . . . June 11, 1911
 Sir Charles N. Oakes . . . June 18, 1911
 Sir William B. Walker . . . June 23, 1911

De Molay, No. 7

Sir Benjamin F. Lamb . . . July 11, 1910
 Sir Josiah Bryant . . . July 28, 1910

Sir Frank M. Carter . . . Aug. 24, 1910
 Sir E. Edwin Bentley . . . Sept. 4, 1910
 Sir Myron W. Whitney . . . Sept. 17, 1910
 Sir James Donaldson . . . Oct. 25, 1910
 Sir N. Hayward Fuller . . . Oct. 10, 1910
 Sir Albert D. Holmes . . . Dec. 15, 1910
 Sir Joseph R. Carr, Jr. . . . Jan. 27, 1911
 Sir William N. Young . . . Feb. 20, 1911
 Sir Haskell W. Gleason . . . Feb. 21, 1911
 Sir Orlando H. Ayers . . . April 12, 1911
 Sir George W. Nason . . . May 18, 1911
 Sir John M. Johnson . . . May 29, 1911
 Sir William B. Fisher . . . June 21, 1911

Holy Sepulchre, No. 8

Sir A. J. Shippe . . . July 7, 1911
 Sir Joseph A. Brown . . . April 11, 1911
 Sir Richard J. Davis . . . Feb. 11, 1911
 Sir Henry A. Stearns . . . Oct. 12, 1910
 Sir John T. Lowden . . . Sept. 21, 1910
 Sir John H. Merrill . . . Oct. 1, 1910
 Sir John Wood . . . Oct. 23, 1910
 Sir Edwin A. Perry . . . Jan. 4, 1910

Pilgrim, No. 9

Sir Nahum H. Wright . . . Nov. 14, 1910
 Sir James A. Pevey . . . Dec. 21, 1910
 Sir Arthur H. Hosford . . . Dec. 10, 1910
 Sir George F. Barker . . . Jan. 20, 1911
 Sir William K. Fairbanks . . . Jan. 28, 1911
 Sir Albert G. Thompson . . . Feb. 5, 1911
 Sir Charles Wheeler . . . Mar. 8, 1911
 Sir George A. Roper . . . May 2, 1911
 Sir Henry C. Cooper . . . June 1, 1911
 Sir Ethan A. Smith . . . June 2, 1911
 Sir George Runels . . . June 5, 1911
 Sir Thomas Walsh . . . June 25, 1911
 Sir Elisha H. Neale . . . July 5, 1911
 Sir Charles E. Howe . . . July 23, 1911

Palestine, No. 10

Sir James N. Greenwood . . Feb. 5, 1911
Sir James Walker . . . Feb. 8, 1911
Sir Christian Thelen . . . Mar. 1, 1911
Sir John A. White . . . July 29, 1911
Sir George E. Mitchell . . Sept. 11, 1911

Milford, No. 11

Sir Henry S. Cushman . . Jan. 4, 1911
Sir Albert H. Sweet . . . Jan. 15, 1911
Sir Walter E. Knights . . Feb. 23, 1911
Sir Marcus M. Woods . . April 3, 1911
Sir Lowell E. Fales . . . May 26, 1911
Sir Edgar M. Brigham . . June 30, 1911

St. Bernard, No. 12

Sir William M. Olin . . . April 15, 1911
Sir Fred E. Jones . . . May 14, 1911
Sir Franklin G. R. Lennan . June 16, 1911
Sir S. Lothrop Thorndike . June 18, 1911

Calvary, No. 13

Sir Lucian W. Palmer . . Sept. 9, 1910
Sir Charles R. Brayton . . Sept. 23, 1910
Sir Edwin P. Dawley . . . Oct. 7, 1910
Sir Caleb Howland . . . Oct. 12, 1910
Sir Elijah P. Chase . . . Dec. 13, 1910
Sir Louis B. Wright . . . Jan. 2, 1911
Sir Oscar A. Carleton . . Feb. 3, 1911
Sir James S. Kenyon . . . Feb. 21, 1911
Sir William Andrews . . . Mar. 25, 1911
Sir William C. Woodward . Mar. 25, 1911
Sir Beverly S. Lake . . . April 16, 1911

Haverhill, No. 14

Sir Linwood O. Town . . Oct. 19, 1910
Sir Henry S. Sprague . . Jan. 11, 1911
Sir Henry C. Tanner . . . Feb. 27, 1911
Sir Harry B. Griffin . . . Mar. 22, 1911
Sir George A. Devenell . . April 26, 1911
Sir Samuel W. Hopkinson . June 10, 1911

Sir Charles F. Berg . . . Aug. 8, 1911
Sir Stephen Osgood . . . Aug. 11, 1911
Sir Frank C. Miller . . . Aug. 16, 1911
Sir Eugene B. Adams . . . June 17, 1911

Old Colony, No. 15

Sir Leonard B. Hatch . . Oct. 9, 1910
Sir Joseph L. Wilkes . . . Dec. 23, 1910
Sir Cornelius A. Faunce . Mar. 8, 1911
Sir Bayles Wood . . . June 1, 1911
Sir George H. Sumner . . July 12, 1911
Sir Francis P. Arnold . . May 4, 1911

Sutton, No. 16

Sir Charles H. Gifford . . Dec. 26, 1910
Sir Abraham Chase . . . Feb. 3, 1911
Sir Samuel M. Davis . . . Feb. 4, 1911
Sir Alfred G. Wilbor . . . Feb. 20, 1911
Sir Daniel B. Leonard . . Mar. 13, 1911
Sir Walter G. Keene . . . May 5, 1911
Sir Frederic R. Strange . May 7, 1911

Bethany, No. 17

Sir Andrew J. McClary . . Nov. 16, 1910
Sir William R. Baxter . . Feb. 18, 1911
Sir George C. Howard . . Mar. 19, 1911
Sir Marcus M. Chandler . June 21, 1911
Sir George L. Huntoon . . June 30, 1911
Sir Frank A. Warren . . . Sept. 18, 1911
Sir Edward W. Austin . . Sept. 20, 1911

Winslow Lewis, No. 18

Sir James H. Boomer . . Dec. 23, 1910
Sir Edward Lane . . . Feb. 20, 1911
Sir Gilbert A. Tapley . . Mar. 18, 1911
Sir Claude W. Mountford . Mar. 26, 1911
Sir William G. Pray . . . May 2, 1911
Sir William O. Hood . . . June 18, 1911
Sir Henry R. Leach . . . Aug. 5, 1911
Sir Albert P. Odell . . . Sept. 16, 1911

Jerusalem, No. 19

Sir Benjamin A. Young . . Sept. 17, 1910
Sir Charles A. Cross . . . Jan. 6, 1911
Sir John G. Folsom . . . July 11, 1911
Sir William R. Deering . . June 18, 1911
Sir E. Adams Hartwell . . April 1, 1911

Hugh de Payens, No. 20

Sir Alfred J. Knight . . . Sept. 15, 1910
Sir Walter I. Nickerson . Oct. 18, 1910
Sir Francis W. Clemson . Oct. 18, 1910
Sir Edwin Robinson . . . Dec. 5, 1910
Sir Edward B. Fairchild . Jan. 21, 1911
Sir Edward M. Shepard . Jan. 21, 1911
Sir Herbert L. Cochrane . Feb. 6, 1911
Sir Frank F. Carpenter . Feb. 8, 1911
Sir Walter B. Ellis . . . May 15, 1911
Sir George E. Skinner . . July 11, 1911
Sir George Hinchcliffe . . Aug. 5, 1911
Sir John A. Frye . . . Aug. 28, 1911
Sir Moses F. Eastman . . Sept. 3, 1911
Sir Frank F. Preble . . . Feb. 14, 1911

St. Omer, No. 21

Sir Theodore L. Kelley . . Nov. 10, 1910
Sir Charles H. Haines . . June 14, 1911
Sir Angus Morrison . . . July 18, 1911
Sir Marcus M. Hutchinson . Sept. 11, 1911

Berkshire, No. 22

Sir John A. Brewer . . . Dec. 11, 1910
Sir Oscar S. Roberts . . . Jan. 5, 1911

Connecticut Valley, No. 23

Sir George Manchester . . Feb., 1911
Sir William A. Ames . . . April, 1911
Sir Mason H. Morse . . . May, 1911
Sir Charles R. Lowell . . . Sept., 1911

Woonsocket, No. 24

Sir Frederick A. Place . . Oct. 21, 1910
Sir Charles W. Capron . . Dec. 6, 1910
Sir John A. C. Wightman . Dec. 14, 1910
Sir Jonathan B. Farnum . Dec. 20, 1910
Sir Caleb L. B. Knight . . Jan. 7, 1911
Sir Arthur S. Fitz . . . Feb. 26, 1911
Sir Franklin E. Paine . . Feb. 26, 1911
Sir Charles W. Talcott . . Mar. 28, 1911
Sir Herbert W. Barnes . . April 26, 1911
Sir Albert V. Hicks . . . Aug. 30, 1911
Sir George K. Marshall . . Sept. 20, 1911

Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25

R. E. Sir John D. Munroe . Oct. 15, 1910
Sir James B. Kershaw . . Oct. 18, 1910
Sir Samuel E. Hathaway . Nov. 16, 1910
Sir William H. Goldsmith . Mar. 1, 1911
Sir William A. Turner . . May 6, 1911
Sir John F. Johnson . . . May 26, 1911

Joseph Warren, No. 26

Sir Robert H. Kerr . . . Nov. 22, 1910
Sir Gottlieb Rothfuss . . Nov. 22, 1910
Sir Alexander Daymond . Dec. 13, 1910
Sir Wallace A. Fitch . . . Dec. 19, 1910
Sir George H. Waterman . Feb. 2, 1911
Sir Joseph T. Greene . . . Feb. 18, 1911
Sir Thomas Parker . . . Mar. 8, 1911
Sir Joseph B. Marshall . . Mar. 22, 1911
Sir Marcus M. Goodale . . April 3, 1911
Sir William F. Gay . . . May 12, 1911
Sir George E. Tirrell . . . June 7, 1911
Sir John A. Pearson . . . Aug. 25, 1911
Sir Edmund J. Ferry . . . Sept. 6, 1911

Narragansett, No. 27

Sir Enoch W. Vars . . . May 8, 1911

William Parkman, No. 28

Sir Jeremiah H. Pote . . . Oct. 17, 1910
Sir Edward B. Newton . . . Jan. 16, 1911
Sir William A. Sawyer . . . Aug. 11, 1911

Bristol, No. 29

Sir Edwin Whitney . . . Dec. 26, 1910
Sir Everett S. Horton . . . June 3, 1911
Sir Edward R. Price . . . Aug. 6, 1911
Sir Henry C. Waite . . . May 9, 1911
Sir Edwin P. Jewett . . . Sept. 28, 1911

Northampton, No. 30

Sir J. J. Vincent . . . Dec. 24, 1910
Sir James M. Foster . . . Jan. 4, 1911
Sir Roswell Billings . . . Feb. 24, 1911
Sir Phineas P. Nichols . . . Mar. 8, 1911
Sir Lemuel B. Field . . . April 9, 1911
Sir Roswell F. Putnam . . . April 17, 1911

South Shore, No. 31

Sir Edward G. Stoddard .
Sir George W. Osgood . .
Sir John E. Nash . . .

Trinity, No. 32

Sir R. A. Guernsey . . . Dec. 14, 1910
Sir G. B. Copeland . . . Dec. 15, 1910
Sir G. T. C. Holden . . . Jan. 2, 1911
Sir F. A. Morse . . . Feb. 27, 1911
Sir Lewis Parks . . . Mar. 24, 1911
Sir H. S. Moore . . . May 1, 1911
Sir S. H. Howe . . . May 11, 1911
Sir W. H. Brigham . . . May 22, 1911
Sir C. H. Stevens . . . May 22, 1911

Natick, No. 33

Sir John M. Fish . . . Nov. 2, 1909
Sir Chas. P. Knowlton . . . Nov. 30, 1910
Sir S. A. Sweetland . . . Dec. 18, 1910
Sir Oliver A. Felch . . . Feb. 6, 1911
Sir Charles M. Perry . . . Feb. 14, 1911

Cœur de Lion, No. 34

Sir John P. Prichard . . . Nov. 9, 1910
Sir William Patterson . . . Nov. 28, 1910
Sir Samuel C. Davis . . . Jan. 3, 1911
Sir James W. Shapleigh . . . Feb. 18, 1911
Sir James L. Whitaker . . . April 6, 1911
Sir Edwin N. Simonds . . . April 11, 1911
Sir Nathan K. Tracy . . . May 10, 1911
Sir Edwin Cullen . . . June 22, 1911
Sir Prescott W. Peck . . . July 15, 1911
Sir Francis A. Sproul . . . Sept. 10, 1911
Sir Edward C. Hamilton . . . Sept. 14, 1911

Gethsemane, No. 35

Sir Benjamin R. Rosson . . . Dec. 28, 1910
Sir Amos F. Adams . . . Jan. 4, 1911
Sir Leonard C. Lane . . . Jan. 11, 1911
Sir George C. Dunne . . . May 23, 1911
Sir John G. A. McColleston . . . June 23, 1911

Olivet, No. 36

Sir William H. Treen . . . Dec. 28, 1910
Sir George M. Bailey . . . Aug. 23, 1911

Athol, No. 37

Sir Wilson D. Smith . . . Oct. 28, 1910
Sir Edmund C. Shepardson . . . Oct. 30, 1910
Sir B. Warner Rich . . . June 11, 1911

Bay State, No. 38

Sir Charles Peterson . . . May 7, 1911
Sir Charles R. Packard . . . July 12, 1911
Sir Charles C. Merritt . . . Sept. 7, 1911
Sir William B. Dickerman . . . July 18, 1911

Cyprus, No. 39

Sir George Miles . . . Oct. 10, 1910
Sir George P. Hartshorn . . . Dec. 10, 1910
Sir Sumner Bagley . . . April 8, 1911
Sir Benjamin Welch . . . July 24, 1911

St. Paul, No. 40

Sir Henry B. Leonard . . . Feb. 10, 1911
Sir Albert L. Bowen . . . May 21, 1911

Beauseant, No. 41

Sir Clarence O. Walker . . . Feb. 20, 1911
Sir Lewis O. Stocker . . . Feb. 25, 1911
Sir William T. Hubbard . . . May 8, 1911
Sir Henry E. Turner . . . June 28, 1911
Sir Albert T. Hammett . . . May 23, 1911

Cambridge, No. 42

Sir George H. Borden . .
Sir William L. Wilshire . . . Oct. 19, 1910
Sir Henry F. Hann . . . April 16, 1911
Sir M. Alton Warren . . . May 30, 1911
Sir Walter H. Hearsey . . . July 11, 1911

Bethlehem, No. 43

Sir Henry A. Burnham . . . May 3, 1911

St. George, No. 44

Sir Frank F. Keeney . . . Dec. 5, 1910
Sir John Sproat . . . June 6, 1911
Sir Franklin K. Hooper . . . July 15, 1911

Orange, No. 45

Sir J. E. Titus . . . Sept. 17, 1910
Sir E. L. Bowers . . . Feb. 2, 1911
Sir A. A. Boyce . . . July 6, 1911

Ivanhoe, No. 46

Sir Henry C. Cleveland . . . Dec. 20, 1910
Sir Charles H. Hackett . . . April 26, 1911

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Date	GRAND COMMANDER	DEP. GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL	GRAND PRELATE
1805	*Thomas Smith Webb...	.....	*Henry Fowle.....	*Jonathan Gage.....	.....
1806	"	"	"	"	"
1807	"	"	"	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	"
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	"	"	"
1811	"	"	"	"	"
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	"	"	"	"
1814	"	"	"	"	"
1815	"	"	"	"	"
1816	"	"	"	"	"
1817	"	"	"	"	"
1818	"	"	"	"	"
1819	*William Wilkinson.....	*Henry Fowle.....	*John Carlile.....	*John Carlile.....	*Thaddeus M. Harris
1820	*Henry Fowle.....	*John Carlile.....	*Peter Grinnell.....	*Peter Grinnell.....	*Richard Carrique
1821	"	"	"	"	*Paul Dean
1822	"	"	"	"	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	"	"	"	"	"
1825	"	"	"	"	"
1826	*John Carlile.....	*Peter Grinnell.....	*John James Loring.....	*John James Loring.....	*John L. Blake
1827	"	"	"	"	"
1828	"	"	"	"	"
1829	*John James Loring.....	*Josiah Whitaker.....	*Robert Lash.....	*Jacob Amee.....	"
1830	"	"	"	"	*Ezekiel L. Bascom
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	*Robert Lash.....	*Robert Lash.....	*Jacob Amee.....	*Thomas Power.....	"
1833	*Edward A. Raymond.....	*Abraham A. Dame.....	*Edward A. Raymond.....	*Joseph Young, Jr.....	"
1834	"	"	"	"	"
1835	*Abraham A. Dame.....	*John Hews.....	*Gilbert Nurse.....	*Charles W. Moore.....	*Paul Dean
1836	"	"	"	"	"
1837	*John Hews.....	*Charles W. Moore.....	*John Flint.....	*John B. Hammatt.....	"
1838	"	"	"	"	"
1839	*Charles W. Moore.....	*John Flint.....	*John B. Hammatt.....	*William Field.....	*Luther Hamilton
1840	"	"	"	"	"

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—Continued

Date	GRAND COMMANDER	DEP. GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL	GRAND PRELATE
1841	*Charles W. Moore.....	*John Flint.....	*John B. Hammatt.....	*William Field.....	*Paul Dean
1842	*John Flint.....	*John B. Hammatt.....	*Ruel Baker.....	*Barney Merry.....	"
1843	"	"	"	"	"
1844	*John B. Hammatt.....	*Ruel Baker.....	"	*James Saulsbury.....	"
1845	"	"	"	*Samuel Fessenden.....	*Albert Case
1846	*Ruel Baker.....	*John R. Bradford.....	*John R. Bradford.....	*James Hutchinson.....	"
1847	"	"	"	*Simon W. Robinson.....	"
1848	*John R. Bradford.....	*James Hutchinson.....	*Simon W. Robinson.....	*Winslow Lewis.....	*Addison Searle
1849	"	"	"	"	*H. A. Wilcox
1850	*James Hutchinson.....	"	"	*Moses Richardson.....	"
1851	"	"	"	*Ara Woodbury.....	"
1852	"	"	"	"	*Thomas R. Lambert
1853	*Simon W. Robinson.....	"	"	"	"
1854	"	"	"	*Cyrus Fisher.....	"
1855	*Daniel Harwood.....	*John McClellan.....	*Cyrus Fisher.....	*James W. Crooks.....	*William R. Alger
1856	"	"	"	*John B. Read.....	"
1857	*Daniel Harwood.....	*John McClellan.....	*Samuel Lewis.....	*George F. Wilson.....	"
1858	*Winslow Lewis.....	*William Field.....	*Charles Robbins.....	"	"
1859	"	"	"	"	"
1860	*William Field.....	*William Ellison.....	*Edwin C. Bailey.....	*William S. Gardner.....	*Thomas R. Lambert
1861	"	"	"	"	*Charles H. Titus
1862	*William Ellison.....	*Edwin C. Bailey.....	*William S. Gardner.....	*Rev. Charles H. Titus.....	*Thomas A. Doyle
1863	*William S. Gardner.....	*Rev. Charles H. Titus.....	*William W. Baker.....	*Thomas A. Doyle.....	*William S. Studley
1864	"	"	"	"	"
1865	*Rev. Charles H. Titus.....	*William W. Baker.....	*Thomas A. Doyle.....	*Benjamin Dean.....	"
1866	"	"	"	*Henry Butler.....	"
1867	*William W. Baker.....	*Benjamin Dean.....	*William B. Blanding.....	*William S. Shurtleff.....	*John W. Darnum
1868	"	"	"	"	"
1869	*Benjamin Dean.....	*William S. Shurtleff.....	*Nicholas Van Slyck.....	*Charles A. Stott.....	"
1870	"	"	"	"	"
1871	*Nicholas Van Slyck.....	*Charles A. Stott.....	*Horace Daniels.....	*Henry Chickering.....	*George S. Noyes
1872	"	"	"	"	"
1873	*Charles A. Stott.....	*Rev. Henry W. Rugg.....	*Wyzeman Marshall.....	*John Dean.....	"
1874	"	*Samuel C. Lawrence.....	*John Dean.....	*Nelson W. Aldrich.....	*Thomas E. St. John
1875	*Rev. Henry W. Rugg.....	*John Dean.....	*Nelson W. Aldrich.....	*George E. Stacy.....	"
1876	"	"	"	"	"

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Date	GRAND COMMANDER	DEP. GRAND COMMANDER	GRAND GENERALISSIMO	GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL	GRAND PRELATE
1877	*John Dean.....	Nelson W. Aldrich.....	*William H. Kent.....	Caleb Saunders.....	*Thomas E. St. John
1878	Nelson W. Aldrich.....	*William H. Kent.....	Caleb Saunders.....	*George H. Burnham.....	"
1879	*William H. Kent.....	Caleb Saunders.....	*George H. Burnham.....	Charles C. Hutchinson.....	*Henry W. Rugg
1880	"	Charles C. Hutchinson.....	*George W. Fay.....	Edward P. Chapin.....	*John W. Dadmun
1881	Caleb Saunders.....	"	Edward P. Chapin.....	George H. Allen.....	"
1882	Charles C. Hutchinson.....	*George H. Burnham.....	Edward P. Chapin.....	*Edward L. Freeman.....	"
1883	*George H. Burnham.....	George H. Allen.....	*Edward L. Freeman.....	James Swords.....	"
1884	Edward P. Chapin.....	George H. Allen.....	*James Swords.....	John P. Sanborn.....	"
1885	George H. Allen.....	*James Swords.....	John P. Sanborn.....	*Robert H. Chamberlain.....	"
1886	Edward L. Freeman.....	*James Swords.....	John P. Sanborn.....	William H. H. Soule.....	"
1887	James Swords.....	*Robert H. Chamberlain.....	William H. H. Soule.....	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	*Leonard B. Hatch
1888	John P. Sanborn.....	*William H. H. Soule.....	Nathan S. Kimball.....	*Charles C. Fry.....	*P. Voorhees Finch
1889	*Robert H. Chamberlain.....	William H. H. Soule.....	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	Eugene H. Richards.....	"
1890	William H. H. Soule.....	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	Charles C. Fry.....	*William R. Walker.....	*Thomas E. St. John
1891	*Charles C. Fry.....	Samuel C. Lawrence.....	*Eugene H. Richards.....	Walter Cutting.....	"
1892	*Samuel C. Lawrence.....	*William R. Walker.....	Walter Cutting.....	George L. Shepley.....	"
1893	Eugene H. Richards.....	Walter Cutting.....	George L. Shepley.....	Herbert F. Morse.....	"
1894	*William R. Walker.....	George L. Shepley.....	Herbert F. Morse.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	Charles T. Morgan
1895	Walter Cutting.....	Herbert F. Morse.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	George E. Hilton.....	"
1896	George L. Shepley.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	George E. Hilton.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	"
1897	Herbert F. Morse.....	George E. Hilton.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Dana J. Flanders.....	"
1898	Winthrop Messenger.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	"
1899	George E. Hilton.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	E. Bentley Young.....	"
1900	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Dana J. Flanders.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Charles I. Litchfield.....	George L. Perin
1901	Dana J. Flanders.....	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	John D. Munroe.....	"
1902	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	Charles I. Litchfield.....	John D. Munroe.....	Walter W. Burnham.....	"
1903	E. Bentley Young.....	John D. Munroe.....	Walter W. Burnham.....	J. Albert Blake.....	"
1904	Charles I. Litchfield.....	John D. Munroe.....	Walter W. Burnham.....	Lafayette G. Blair.....	"
1905	John D. Munroe.....	Walter W. Burnham.....	J. Albert Blake.....	Frank L. Nagle.....	"
1906	Walter W. Burnham.....	J. Albert Blake.....	Lafayette G. Blair.....	William W. Johnson.....	R. Perry Bush
1907	Walter W. Burnham.....	Lafayette G. Blair.....	Frank L. Nagle.....	Walter F. Medding.....	"
1908	J. Albert Blake.....	Frank L. Nagle.....	William W. Johnson.....	"	"
1909	Lafayette G. Blair.....	"	"	"	"
1910	"	"	"	"	"
1911	"	"	"	"	"

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Date	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND STANDARD BEARER
1805	*John Carlile.....	*Nathan Fisher.....	*Jeremiah F. Jenkins.....	*William F. Megee.....	*William Wilkinson
1806	*Ezra Ames.....	*Samuel Billings.....	"	*Otis Amidon.....	*Stephen Howard
1807	"	"	"	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	"
1809	"	*Andrew Sigourney.....	*William Wilkinson.....	"	*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr.
1810	"	"	"	"	"
1811	"	"	"	"	"
1812	"	"	"	*John M. Eddy.....	"
1813	"	"	"	"	"
1814	*William Wilkinson.....	*Thomas Jackson.....	"	"	"
1815	"	*John A. Shaw.....	*Peter Grinnell.....	"	"
1816	"	*Ezra Ames.....	"	"	"
1817	*Philip Peck.....	*Benjamin Smith.....	"	"	"
1818	"	"	"	"	"
1819	*Benjamin Smith.....	*Josiah Whitaker.....	*Moses Richardson.....	*Alexander Bowers.....	"
1820	*Robert Lash.....	"	"	*Robert Lash.....	"
1821	"	"	"	*John R. Cutting.....	"
1822	"	"	"	"	"
1823	*Josiah Whitaker.....	"	"	"	*Charles C. Nichols
1824	"	"	"	"	"
1825	*Robert Lash.....	*Samuel Howe.....	"	"	*Isaac Stall
1826	"	"	"	"	"
1827	"	"	"	"	"
1828	"	*Richard S. Spofford.....	"	*Samuel Howe.....	*Edward A. Raymond
1829	*Edward A. Raymond.....	*Thomas Power.....	"	"	"
1830	*Thomas Power.....	*Edward A. Raymond.....	"	"	*Daniel Tenney
1831	*Edward A. Raymond.....	*Abraham A. Dame.....	"	"	*Joseph Young
1832	*John Heys.....	*Joseph Young, Jr.....	"	"	*Gilbert Nurse
1833	*Charles W. Moore.....	*Charles W. Moore.....	"	"	*John Flint
1834	*John Flint.....	*John Flint.....	*Samuel Wales.....	"	*John R. Bradford
1835	*John B. Hammett.....	*John B. Hammett.....	"	"	*Ruel Baker
1836	*John B. Hammett.....	*Ruel Baker.....	"	"	"
1837	*Ruel Baker.....	*John R. Bradford.....	"	"	*William Bittle
1838	"	"	"	"	*Hugh H. Tuttle
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	"	"	"	"

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Date	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND STANDARD BEARER
1841	*Ruel Baker.....	*John R. Bradford.....	*Samuel Wales.....	*John Hews.....	*Benjamin H. West
1842	*John R. Bradford.....	*Simon W. Robinson.....	"	*Gilbert Nurse.....	*George L. Oakes
1843	"	"	"	"	"
1844	"	"	"	"	"
1845	"	"	*William Eaton.....	"	*James Easterbrook
1846	*Simon W. Robinson.....	*Hugh H. Tuttle.....	"	"	*Samuel Pearce
1847	*Hugh H. Tuttle.....	*James Easterbrook.....	"	"	*Albert H. Kelsey
1848	"	*Samuel Pearce.....	"	"	*Asa Walker
1849	"	"	"	*Calvin Whiting.....	"
1850	"	"	"	"	"
1851	*Samuel Pearce.....	*John McClellan.....	"	"	*James W. Crooks
1852	"	"	"	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	*James W. Crooks.....	*John B. Read.....	"	"	*Asa Walker
1855	"	"	"	"	"
1856	*John B. Read.....	*J. A. D. Joslin.....	*William Parkman.....	"	*Charles B. Farnsworth
1857	*J. A. D. Joslin.....	*William A. Smith.....	"	*Stephen Lovell.....	*Henry Goddard
1858	*William A. Smith.....	*William S. Gardner.....	"	*William H. L. Smith.....	*Richard S. Spofford
1859	*Wyzeman Marshall.....	*Charles A. Davis.....	"	*Solon Thornton.....	*George W. Bentley
1860	"	"	"	"	*Gardner T. Swarts
1861	"	"	"	"	*William B. Blanding
1862	*Benjamin Dean.....	*George W. Bentley.....	"	"	*Gardner T. Swarts
1863	"	*George A. French.....	"	"	*William Sutton
1864	*William B. Blanding.....	*William S. Shurtleff.....	"	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	"	"	"	"	"
1867	*Charles A. Stott.....	*Nicholas Van Slyck.....	"	"	"
1868	"	"	"	"	"
1869	*Henry W. Warren.....	*Horace Daniels.....	"	*Alfred F. Chapman.....	"
1870	*Charles E. Powers.....	"	"	"	"
1871	*Tracy P. Cheever.....	*John Dean.....	"	"	"
1872	"	"	"	"	*John Aldred
1873	*Nelson W. Aldrich.....	*George E. Stacy.....	"	"	*Daniel E. Chase
1874	*George E. Stacy.....	*Peter S. Bailey.....	"	"	"
1875	"	"	"	"	*William D. Pool
1876	*Peter S. Bailey.....	*William H. Kent.....	"	"	"

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Date	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND STANDARD BEARER
1877	*Samuel Mason, Jr.....	*George H. Burnham.....	*William Parkman.....	*Alfred F. Chapman.....	*Marvin S. Fellows
1878	*Charles C. Hutchinson.....	*Edward L. Freeman.....	*James H. Upham.....	"	*James M. Pendleton
1879	*Edward L. Freeman.....	*Edward P. Chapin.....	"	"	*Charles H. McClellan
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	*Charles H. McClellan.....	Albert F. Dow.....	"	"	*John Haight
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	"	"	"	"	"
1884	*Edward L. Freeman.....	*James Swords.....	"	"	Clinton D. Sellev
1885	*James Swords.....	*John P. Sanborn.....	"	"	Eben D. Bancroft
1886	*John P. Sanborn.....	*Robert H. Chamberlain.....	"	"	William H. H. Soule
1887	*Robert H. Chamberlain.....	*William H. H. Soule.....	"	"	*Walter Cutting
1888	*William H. H. Soule.....	*Horace E. Boynton.....	"	"	*Nathan S. Kimball
1889	*Horace E. Boynton.....	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	"	"	*Charles C. Fry
1890	*Charles C. Fry.....	*Eugene H. Richards.....	"	"	*William R. Walker
1891	*Eugene H. Richards.....	*William R. Walker.....	"	"	Charles E. Pierce
1892	*William R. Walker.....	*Walter Cutting.....	"	"	George L. Shepley
1893	*Walter Cutting.....	George L. Shepley.....	"	"	Herbert F. Morse
1894	*George L. Shepley.....	Herbert F. Morse.....	"	"	Winthrop Messenger
1895	Herbert F. Morse.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	"	"	George E. Hilton
1896	Winthrop Messenger.....	George E. Hilton.....	"	"	Freeman C. Hersey
1897	*George H. Kenyon.....	*Freeman C. Hersey.....	"	"	Henry S. Rowe
1898	*Freeman C. Hersey.....	Dana J. Flanders.....	"	"	Hunter C. White
1899	Dana J. Flanders.....	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	"	"	Edwin A. Blodgett
1900	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	E. Bentley Young.....	"	"	E. Bentley Young
1901	E. Bentley Young.....	*Charles I. Litchfield.....	"	"	Charles I. Litchfield
1902	*Charles I. Litchfield.....	*John D. Munroe.....	"	"	*John D. Munroe
1903	*John D. Munroe.....	Walter W. Burnham.....	Herbert F. Morse.....	"	Walter W. Burnham
1904	Walter W. Burnham.....	J. Albert Blake.....	"	"	J. Albert Blake
1905	*J. Albert Blake.....	Lafayette G. Blair.....	"	"	Lafayette G. Blair
1906	Lafayette G. Blair.....	Frank L. Nagle.....	"	"	Frank L. Nagle
1907	*Frank L. Nagle.....	William W. Johnson.....	"	"	Joseph G. Edgerly
1908	William W. Johnson.....	Walter F. Medding.....	"	"	Walter F. Medding
1909	*Walter F. Medding.....	Frederick I. Dana.....	"	"	Frederick I. Dana
1910	Frederick I. Dana.....	Samuel D. Sherwood.....	"	"	Samuel D. Sherwood
1911	"	"	"	"	William H. Emerson

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Date	GRAND SWORD BEARER	GRAND WARDER	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	GRAND SENTINEL	PLACE WHERE THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE WAS HELD
1805	*John Davis.....				Providence, R.I.
1806	*Stephen Foster.....	*Henry Purkitt.....	*Nicholas Hoppin.....		Boston, Mass.
1807	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		" "
1808	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		Providence, R.I.
1809	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		Newburyport, Mass.
1810	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		Boston, Mass.
1811	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		Providence, R.I.
1812	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		Boston, Mass.
1813	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		" "
1814	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	*Edward Oliver.....		" "
1815	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		Providence, R.I.
1816	*John J. Loring.....	*Samuel Jackson.....	*William P. R. Benson.....		Boston, Mass.
1817	" " " " " "	*John A. Shaw.....	*Edward Oliver.....		Providence, R.I.
1818	" " " " " "	*H. Y. Cranston.....	" " " " " "		Boston, Mass.
1819	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		" "
1820	*Samuel Hoye.....	*John J. Loring.....	" " " " " "		" "
1821	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	*Ebenezer Oliver.....		" "
1822	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		Providence, R.I.
1823	*Hector Coffin.....	*Jacob Amee.....	" " " " " "	*Ebenezer Oliver.....	Boston, Mass.
1824	*Eliaser Wyer.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	Providence, R.I.
1825	*Thomas Power.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	Boston, Mass.
1826	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	Providence, R.I.
1827	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	Boston, Mass.
1828	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	Providence, R.I.
1829	*Joseph Young.....	*Abraham A. Dame.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	Boston, Mass.
1830	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1831	*John Hews.....	*Daniel Tenney.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1832	*Charles W. Moore.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1833	*Ruel Baker.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1834	*John R. Bradford.....	*John B. Hammett.....	" " " " " "	*William C. Martin.....	" "
1835	*Winslow Lewis, Jr.....	*Ruel Baker.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1836	*Simon W. Robinson.....	*Winslow Lewis, Jr.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1837	*Hugh H. Tuttle.....	*Simon W. Robinson.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1838	*Winslow Lewis, Jr.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1839	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1840	*Benjamin H. West.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	*William Clemens.....	Providence, R.I.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY — Continued

Date	GRAND SWORD BEARER	GRAND WARDER	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	GRAND SENTINEL	PLACE WHERE THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE WAS HELD
1841	*Hugh H. Tuttle.....	*Simon W. Robinson.....			Boston, Mass.
1842	*Benjamin H. West.....	*Hugh H. Tuttle.....			" "
1843	" " " " " "	" " " " " "			" "
1844	*Hugh H. Tuttle.....	*William Eaton.....			" "
1845	" " " " " "	*William C. Barker.....			" "
1846	*James Easterbrook.....	*Alexander H. Putney.....			" "
1847	*Samuel Pearce.....	*Asa Woodbury.....			" "
1848	*Albert H. Kelsey.....	" " " " " "			" "
1849	" " " " " "	" " " " " "			" "
1850	" " " " " "	" " " " " "			" "
1851	*Asa Walker.....	*Cyrus Fisher.....			" "
1852	" " " " " "	" " " " " "			" "
1853	" " " " " "	" " " " " "			" "
1854	*John A. D. Joslin.....	*Nathan H. Gould.....			Providence, R.I.
1855	" " " " " "	" " " " " "			Boston, Mass.
1856	*Asa Walker.....	" " " " " "			" "
1857	*Charles B. Farnsworth.....	*Benjamin Dean.....			Providence, R.I.
1858	*Benjamin Dean.....	*William B. Blanding.....			Boston, Mass.
1859	" " " " " "	" " " " " "			" "
1860	*Gardner T. Swarts.....	" " " " " "			" "
1861	*Mark Symonds.....	*William S. Shurtleff.....			Providence, R.I.
1862	*Gardner T. Swarts.....	*E. I. Ticombe.....	*William F. Salmon.....	*Eben F. Gay.....	Boston, Mass.
1863	" " " " " "	*William F. Salmon.....	*John Shepley.....	" " " " " "	Providence, R.I.
1864	*Seth P. Miller.....	" " " " " "	Henry P. Perkins.....	" " " " " "	Boston, Mass.
1865	" " " " " "	*Horace Daniels.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1866	*Tracy P. Cheever.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1867	" " " " " "	*Henry W. Warren.....	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1868	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1869	*Edward H. Brainard.....	Henry P. Perkins.....	*Levi L. Webster.....	" " " " " "	Providence, R.I.
1870	*Henry Chickering.....	*Stafford W. Raze.....	*James M. Pendleton.....	" " " " " "	Boston, Mass.
1871	*Stafford W. Raze.....	*George W. Ray.....	George E. Stacy.....	" " " " " "	Providence, R.I.
1872	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	*Frederick A. Pierce.....	Boston, Mass.
1873	*Hocum E. Hosford.....	*William H. Kent.....	*George H. Burnham.....	*Eben F. Gay.....	" "
1874	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" "
1875	*George H. Burnham.....	" " " " " "	*Caleb Saunders.....	*Benjamin F. Nourse.....	Providence, R.I.
1876	" " " " " "	Caleb Saunders.....	*George Moulton.....	" " " " " "	Boston, Mass.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—Concluded

Date	GRAND SWORD BEARER	GRAND WARDER	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	GRAND SENTINEL	PLACE WHERE THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE WAS HELD
1877	*William D. Pool.....	*James M. Pendleton.....	Gardner T. Sanford.....	*Benjamin F. Nourse.....	Boston, Mass.
1878	Charles B. Lancaster.....	*John Kent.....	Francello G. Jilison.....	"	"
1879	Walter B. Vincent.....	"	*Joseph B. Mason.....	"	"
1880	Arthur G. Pollard.....	"	Henry Field, Jr.....	"	"
1881	*Dexter B. Vickary.....	*John L. Stevenson.....	"	"	"
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	"	"	"	"	"
1884	*Henry W. Hartwell.....	John P. Sanborn.....	*Basil Sanford.....	"	"
1885	*D. Frank Robinson.....	Samuel O. Daniels.....	William H. H. Soule.....	"	"
1886	*Walter Cutting.....	Charles C. Spelman.....	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	"	"
1887	*Nathan S. Kimball.....	*Charles C. Fry.....	Thomas Kellough.....	"	"
1888	*Charles C. Fry.....	Alvord O. Miles.....	*Eugene H. Richards.....	"	"
1889	*Eugene H. Richards.....	Charles E. Pierce.....	*Frank T. Dwinell.....	"	"
1890	*Charles E. Pierce.....	*Alvord O. Miles.....	*Frederick J. Foss.....	"	"
1891	*Walter Cutting.....	Winthrop Messenger.....	Green Davis.....	"	"
1892	Herbert F. Morse.....	George E. Hilton.....	Henry G. Jordan.....	*Henry D. Wilder.....	"
1893	Winthrop Messenger.....	Henry G. Jordan.....	*Albion F. Welch.....	"	"
1894	George E. Hilton.....	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Dana J. Flanders.....	J. Frank Child.....	"
1895	Henry G. Jordan.....	W. Howard Walker.....	Henry S. Rowe.....	*John D. Munroe.....	"
1896	Freeman C. Hersey.....	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	Henry K. Dutton.....	William E. Wilcox.....	"
1897	Dana J. Flanders.....	*John D. Munroe.....	E. Bentley Young.....	"	"
1898	Edwin A. Blodgett.....	Charles I. Litchfield.....	*John D. Munroe.....	"	"
1899	E. Bentley Young.....	*J. Herbert Bowen.....	Charles E. Pierce.....	"	"
1900	*John D. Munroe.....	Thomas L. Phillips.....	J. Albert Blake.....	"	"
1901	Walter W. Burnham.....	W. Howard Walker.....	Charles E. Pierce.....	"	"
1902	J. Albert Blake.....	Charles E. Pierce.....	Joseph G. Edgerly.....	"	"
1903	Lafayette G. Blair.....	Samuel D. Sherwood.....	William W. Johnson.....	"	"
1904	Frank L. Nagle.....	Henry H. Litchfield.....	Charles E. Pierce.....	"	"
1905	Samuel D. Sherwood.....	Judson C. McKenzie.....	Isaac Chase.....	"	"
1906	Robert L. Spencer.....	Frank T. Pearce.....	Harry G. Pollard.....	"	"
1907	Frederick I. Dana.....	R. Walter Hilliard.....	Everett C. Benton.....	"	"
1908	Samuel D. Sherwood.....	Charles E. Pierce.....	"	"	"
1909	William H. Emerson.....	"	"	"	"
1910	William J. Bolton.....	"	"	"	"
1911	"	"	"	"	"

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Eminent Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present the following report on Fraternal Correspondence, having received all of the Proceedings with the exception of Idaho and West Virginia, as follows:

Alabama	1911	Missouri	1911
Arizona	1911	Montana	1910
Arkansas	1911	Nebraska	1911
California	1910	New Hampshire	1910
Canada	1910	New Jersey	1911
Colorado	1910	New Mexico	1910
Connecticut	1911	New York	1911
District of Columbia	1911	North Carolina	1911
England and Wales	1910	North Dakota	1911
Florida	1911	Ohio	1910
Georgia	1911	Oklahoma	1911
Illinois	1910	Oregon	1910
Indiana	1911	Pennsylvania	1911
Indian Territory	1911	South Carolina	1910
Iowa	1911	South Dakota	1910
Kansas	1911	Tennessee	1911
Kentucky	1911	Texas	1911
Louisiana	1911	Utah	1911
Maine	1910	Vermont	1911
Maryland	1910, 1911	Virginia	1910
Michigan	1911	Washington	1910
Minnesota	1911	Wisconsin	1910
Mississippi	1910, 1911	Wyoming	1911
Grand Encampment		1910	

ALABAMA, 1911

A Special Conclave was opened in the Asylum of Cyrene Commandery, in the city of Birmingham, Friday, October 2, 1910, at three o'clock in the afternoon. All of the Grand Officers being present or represented by proxy; nine Past Grand Commanders also present.

The Special Session was held for the purpose of attending the funeral ceremony of Past Grand Commander Charles Wheelock, whose death occurred at Alameda, California, September 24, 1910.

After the opening ceremony, Grand Commandery moved in a body to the Church of the Advent, where the funeral services of the Church were performed by Rev. W. E. Evans.

Grand Commandery then returned to the Asylum and adjourned.

The Fifty-seventh Conclave was held in the Asylum of Montgomery Commandery, No. 4, in the City of Montgomery, Wednesday, May 19, 1911. All of the Grand Officers present with the exception of the Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Captain of the Guard. Grand Commandery was then opened in ample form, after prayer by the Em. Grand Prelate.

The address of welcome was delivered by E. Sir Stewart McQueen, who welcomed the Grand Commandery in behalf of the Montgomery Commandery, No. 4. Response was made by R. E. Sir Walter Smith, who made a graceful acknowledgment on behalf of Grand Commandery.

The Committee on Credentials report eight Past Grand Commanders and one Past Grand Generalissimo present and Representatives of all the subordinate Commanderies. There were also present the Representatives of thirty-one sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom was R. E. Sir Russell M. Cunningham, representing Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Among the distinguished visitors present was R. E. Sir Enoch G. DeLap, Past Grand Commander of Mississippi, and representative of the M. E. Grand Master, who was received with the honors befitting his rank and most cordially welcomed.

Grand Commander John W. Phillips then delivered his

address. His Dispensations were few and all in conformity with Templar law. The address contains fraternal mention of the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. Among his Recommendations was one that in future at each Annual Conclave the Orders of Knighthood be exemplified in full form by three different Commanderies selected by the Grand Commander. He also recommends that in future the Grand Recorder be permitted to grant permission, with the approval of the Grand Commander, to any Commandery in the State, to change its location and amend its charter accordingly. In his conclusion he pays a mark of tribute for the worth and assistance of the Grand Recorder, Sir George A. Beauchamp.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts of \$3,255.94; expenditures of \$2,652.35; balance on hand \$803.59.

From the Grand Recorder's tabulated statement we find that the membership May 1, 1911, is 1,305, a gain of 95.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Nathaniel L. Mewhinney, and occupies eighty-nine pages of the Proceedings. All of the Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed with the exception of Connecticut, Indian Territory, New Hampshire and New York. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous consideration; he says that the statistical reports of your Grand Recorder are the most complete of any that have come under his observation.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were

R. E. Sir Louis J. Wright, Grand Commander.

E. Sir George A. Beauchamp, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E. Sir Nathaniel L. Mewhinney, re-elected Committee on Correspondence.

The Fifty-second Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Selma, Wednesday, May 8, 1912.

ARIZONA, 1911

The Eighteenth Annual Conclave held in the city of Tucson on Wednesday, the 15th day of February, 1911.

All the Grand Officers present, with the exception of the

Junior Grand Warden; ten past Grand Commanders and the representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

Following the Report of the Committee on Credentials, the Grand Commander read his Annual Address, in which he pays fitting tribute to the memory of the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. He reports that he made no Decisions during the year on any question, a fact which all members of the jurisdiction should look upon with pride, indicating as it does, that careful study and intimate knowledge of the Constitution, Statutes, Rules of Order, Ritual and Customs, which makes for intelligence, successful administration and prompt and cheerful obedience in the constituent Commanderies. He makes a recommendation regarding the Seal in which he says, "There may have been a time when the present design was strikingly appropriate, but that time has passed, and we can no longer be properly characterized by rattlesnakes, cactus, horned toads and desert barrens, and the impressions of Arizona given by the face of our Seal are suggestively misleading." He recommended that a special committee be created to which the revision of the Seal might be referred, to report at the next Annual Conclave.

The business of the Conclave was strictly local and of much interest to those attending.

The Grand Recorder's Report shows membership, December 31, 1910, of 429, a gain for the year of 9.

The Report submitted by the Grand Treasurer showed receipts, \$2,969.04, with a balance after all expenditures of \$437.66.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir N. A. Morford and occupies 121 pages of the Proceedings. Like his former Reports, it is well worthy of perusal.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous review, three pages being devoted to the same.

R. E. Sir George H. N. Luhrs, Grand Commander.

E. Sir George J. Roskrige, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E. Sir N. A. Morford continued as Correspondent.

The next Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Prescott, the 12th day of February, 1912.

ARKANSAS, 1911

The Thirty-ninth Annual Conclave, held in the Asylum of Jacques de Molay Commandery, No. 3, in the city of Fort Smith, Tuesday, May 23, 1911. All of the Grand Officers present, four Past Grand Commanders and the representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

Grand Commandery being opened in due form, the first business was the reception of the official representative of the M. E. Grand Master, V. E. Sir Wilbur F. Foster, who was escorted into the Asylum and received under an arch of steel, where he was cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander and escorted to the East. He made an appropriate response to his courteous greeting. Grand Commandery was then adjourned until the following day.

The Grand Officers and visiting Sir Knights having assembled at Hotel Goldman, they were escorted to the Asylum at Baer Memorial Temple, where the Conclave was held.

Address of Welcome was delivered by Sir Knight George Sengel in behalf of Jacques de Molay Commandery, which was responded to by the R. E. Grand Commander.

Twenty-two Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions being reported present, they were received and cordially welcomed.

The Address of the Grand Commander follows, in which he pays fitting tribute to the memory and worth of the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. Among his Dispensations he reported that a number of requests had been received to ballot upon petitions without waiting the statutory time, all of which he declined to grant. In reporting the growth of the Order he noted that there had been more than a hundred added to their thousand of a year ago, with the addition of two new Commanderies, Ascalon at Prescott, and Palestine at Mammoth Spring, and the re-organization of Palestine at Dardanelle. He suggested that Commanderies should be located at El Dorado, Camden, Helena, DeQueen, Newport, Monticello, Conway and several other live cities in the state. In his conclusion he stated that though his year had been accomplished, his interest in the Order

would never pass away, and should the future years find him unable to attend, it should then be his greatest desire to be remembered by the Fraters of his youth. The address was referred to the appropriate committees.

The Grand Recorder's report shows the number of members 1,168, gain for the year of 109.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts with balance on hand, \$3,939.86; expenditures of \$1,277.41.

The Third Day's Session opened with all the Grand Officers present, Past Grand Commanders as before and the Representatives of the subordinate Commanderies.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that harmony existed throughout the Jurisdiction and nothing had come before them for their consideration.

We note that an appropriation of \$100 was voted to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund.

The report on Correspondence is by E. Sir Fay Hempstead, and like all others originating from his pen, is an interesting document. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention with two pages, in which he speaks in complimentary terms of the report of your Correspondent and Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir Joseph H. Watkins, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Fay Hempstead, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The Fortieth Annual Session to be held at the Asylum of Hot Springs Commandery, No. 5, in the city of Hot Springs, the second Tuesday in May, 1912.

CALIFORNIA, 1911

The Fifty-third Annual Conclave, held in the city of San José, Thursday, the 20th day of April, 1911.

This beautiful volume — one of the finest that comes to our table — opens with a splendid Bather portrait of A. A. Caldwell, Grand Commander.

The Grand Conclave was opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all the Grand Officers present, with the exception of the Grand Recorder, who was confined to his home on account of illness; twelve Past Grand Commanders and the

Representatives of twenty sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we fail to find the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Devotional Service prepared by the Eminent Grand Prelate was held under the auspices of the Grand Organist, assisted by an excellent choir.

The reading of the Minutes of the Fifty-second Annual Conclave was dispensed with, printed copies of the Proceedings of 1910 being at the disposal of those present.

The first business was the calling of Grand Representatives present to the East, where they were heartily welcomed by the R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's address follows, which is a splendid document. He says that his aim and ambition upon assuming the duties of his office had been to look for only the best in Masonry, ever striving to uplift and keep its object before him, fervently hoping that when his work was done the Order might have been better for his having been at its head, and certainly his report fully shows that he carried out his intentions. He pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. The Decisions were few in number and in accordance with constitutional law. His Dispensations were also limited, and, we are pleased to note, none of them were to confer the Orders out of statutory time. Among his suggestions we find one that an "Instructor" be appointed by the Grand Commander, said instructor to visit each Commandery in the jurisdiction at least once a year.

The Grand Recorder's report shows that the present membership is 6,735, a net gain for the year of 172.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows balance of cash on hand March 21, 1910, \$41,294.26; received during the year, \$10,714.71, making total receipts of \$52,008.97. Balance on hand after necessary expenditures, \$44,031.43.

The Committee on Grievances reported they had made diligent search for grievances, but had failed to find them, which shows that the jurisdiction is in a prosperous and harmonious condition.

We also note that the failure of the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Commandery of California, to be present at this Conclave was on account of illness, and a motion was ordered that the regrets of Grand Commandery be conveyed to him.

The Report on Correspondence is by Grand Recorder William A. Davies, and like all previous reports issuing from his pen it is an able and comprehensive document, embracing as it does a faithful transcript of the transactions of 43 of the Grand Jurisdictions. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously considered with four pages. Your Correspondent is favorably commended, Frater Davies calling our 1910 report "an elegant report of the progress and present condition of Templar Masonry in the Masonic world," and that it was "ably written and put together," for which we extend our heartfelt thanks. In his Conclusion he reports that the work was done under unusual conditions, noting its demands on the persistent application of the writer and stating, "that it's finished and we are glad of it." Certainly it was a good work well done. He congratulates his co-correspondents on the progress and prosperity of the Order we love so well to serve and shares with them the mournful weight borne by all Sir Knights in the losses of the last Triennial term.

R.:E.:Sir Albert A. Caldwell, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir William A. Davies, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of San Diego, Thursday, April 18, 1912.

CANADA, 1910

The Twenty-seventh Annual Assembly, held at London, Ont., August 4th and 5th, 1910.

The Sir Knights being called to order and arranged under their respective banners, R.:E.:Sir William P. Ryrie directed escort be formed for the reception of the M.:E.:the Supreme Grand Master, Luther B. Archibald. He having taken his seat the roll was called and a constitutional number of Preceptories were ascertained to be present, when the Twenty-

seventh Annual Assembly was opened in ample form, the blessing of the Most High being invoked upon the proceedings.

It having been announced that the Acting Mayor of London, Ont., was waiting and desirous of offering an official welcome to the city, the Supreme Grand Master declared the Sovereign Great Priory called off for the purpose of receiving the Acting Mayor, who was presently received, when he made a courteous address of welcome from which we excerpt the following:

"London today welcomes within her gates the Knights Templar of Canada, descendants, in faith and practice, of the men who in armor defended the rights of Christendom against the Saracen centuries ago. The same spirit of chivalry that moved the Knights of long ago and kept alive by these who have come after them in days that are less troubled.

"The Templars of the Crusade days offered their services to the cause of the oppressed Christians. The Christian of today is not oppressed, but the knight whose aim is to live out the ideals of his order still finds every day bringing the opportunity for practising the principles of his order. Belief in God and character are the two things demanded of the man who would be enrolled in this modern army of chivalry.

"Templarism is a power in the land. It stands for the best that is in man, and all of the best. The men who come to London this week are leaders in the Canadian cities and towns from which they come. Londoners will welcome them as their guests."

The M.:E.:Supreme Grand Master then delivered his Address, and from his opening we excerpt the following:

"I earnestly hope this assembly may result in increasing our enthusiasm for, and love of, the Order of the Temple, and that in all our deliberations at this time, we may show by a spirit of mutual forbearance and brotherly love, the Christian character of this institution. I think it is becoming at this time that we should gratefully acknowledge and thank Almighty God for His many mercies extended to us during the past year."

In his Address he makes fitting mention of the deceased fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions, especially

that of M.E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, D.D., of our own jurisdiction.

He reports granting Dispensation for a Preceptory to be located in the town of Prince Albert, Province of Saskatchewan, to be called Prince Albert Preceptory; for a Preceptory in the town of Medicine Hat, Province of Alberta, to be called Crusader Preceptory. Also that a petition had been received for a Preceptory at Amherst, N.S., to be known as Beausejour Preceptory, signed by a large number of Knights of the Order of the Temple, and a petition to open a Preceptory at Saskatoon, Province of Saskatchewan, to be known as Saskatoon Preceptory.

From the fact that he had not been called upon during the year to give any official decisions on Constitutional questions, it is evident that the Fraters of the Grand Priory of Canada are fully aware of all Constitutional requirements.

In the closing of his address he pays a fitting testimonial to our esteemed Frater Will H. Whyte, in which he says Frater Whyte is the embodiment of knowledge of everything connected with the Order and its interests, and he gratefully acknowledged the valuable service rendered in the performance of his duty, and hopes he may long be spared to adorn the position of Grand Chancellor.

From the report of the Grand Chancellor we find the membership to be 5,818, an increase of 475.

The Grand Treasurer's statement shows receipts of \$14,752.18; expenditures \$7,407.20; total assets of \$19,844.98.

The following amendments to the Statutes were recommended:

1. — A Knight Templar must retain his active membership in the Royal Arch Chapter to retain his membership in his Preceptory.

2. — A Knight Templar who has been suspended or expelled by his Lodge, by the Grand Master or by Grand Lodge, or by his Royal Arch Chapter, the Grand First Principal, or by Grand Chapter for unmasonic conduct, shall also stand suspended from his Preceptory privileges while his Craft or Chapter discipline continues in force.

The first clause on vote was declared lost and the second was declared carried.

The volume is adorned with portraits of King Edward VII, and M.E. Sir and Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D.D.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of that able and distinguished Frater Will H. Whyte and occupies 94 pages of the Proceedings. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is given a courteous review and among other things he says that the Grand Recorder's report is full and replete with many statistical tables and that our second report on Templar Correspondence briefly gleans some of the bright sayings and notable doings of the Templar world.

M.E. Sir Luther B. Archibald, re-elected Supreme Grand Master.

M.E. Sir Will H. Whyte, re-elected Grand Chancellor and continued as Correspondent.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly to be held at Sault Ste. Marie, Province of Ontario, Wednesday, ninth day of August, 1911.

COLORADO, 1910

The volume opens with a portrait of R.E. Sir George W. Vallery, who your Correspondent had the pleasure of meeting many years since and receiving at his hands many courtesies while sojourning in the city of Denver, and for which he has always held Sir Vallery in grateful remembrance.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Denver, September 23, 1910.

Grand Commandery was opened in ample form at ten o'clock in the morning, all the Grand Officers (except the Grand Standard Bearer), the representatives of twenty-eight chartered Commanderies present, after invocation to Deity by Em. Sir John M. Walden, Grand Prelate.

Following the report of the Committee on Credentials the roll of Grand Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions disclosed thirty present, among whom we find Em. Sir Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Representative of Massachusetts and

Rhode Island. They were welcomed to the Asylum by the R. E. Grand Commander, as follows:

"Sir Knights: It affords me great pleasure indeed to welcome you to this, the Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado, and I trust your presence here today will be pleasant and profitable. I am pleased to state to you that, as far as I know, nothing but the most cordial good-will and fraternal feeling exists between the various Grand Commanderies which you represent and this Grand Commandery. I hope, after we have adjourned, you will convey to the various Grand Commanderies you represent an expression of our good-will and prayer for their prosperity during the coming year."

To which response was made by R. E. Sir Harper M. Orahood in behalf of those present.

Among the distinguished guests present was Em. Sir Nathan Kingsley, General Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, who was duly welcomed and made an eloquent response to the reception that had been given him.

The Grand Commander's Address follows. In this he pays fitting tribute to M. E. Sir Henry Warren Rugg and other departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

He also reports the issuing of a Dispensation for a new Commandery to be stationed in the city of Denver, to be called Ascalon Commandery. Among his Recommendations is the following:

"Our Order teaches the novitiate that Charity and Hospitality are its grand distinguishing characteristics. Here we are taught to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. I believe that the time has come when our Grand Commandery should make a practical demonstration of its earnest declarations. The Grand Lodge of Colorado sets aside to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund 10 per cent of its income each year, and the Grand Chapter and Grand Council each gives this fund five cents per capita of its membership. Therefore believing that the Grand Commandery should not be outdone in benevolent charity, I recom-

mend that the Grand Commandery of Colorado give to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund each year, five cents per capita as shown by the report of the Grand Recorder. This fund has always been wisely administered and has and is doing great good. Remember that the blessed Emanuel has said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

The Report of the Grand Recorder shows the membership July 31, 1910, 2,439, a net gain for the year of 95.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts of \$7,198.88; expenditures of \$2,937.19; balance on hand, General Fund, \$4,261.69. Balance on hand in the Triennial Fund, \$791.67, making a total of \$5,053.36.

At the Afternoon Session, R. E. Sir James C. Burchard, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, was admitted to the Asylum where he was received in Knightly form and welcomed to a seat in the East.

At the conclusion of the installation of Grand Officers, the retiring Grand Commander was presented with a Past Grand Commander's jewel.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of R. E. Sir Harper M. Orahood, who ably reviews the Proceedings of 46 Grand Jurisdictions, including Canada, England and Wales. This Report, like all others that emanate from his able pen, contains much that is interesting, which we would like to quote, but space forbids. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously remembered with three pages, in which he states that our last Report is mostly written with few quotations and carefully prepared, and wonders why Colorado should be missing. We can only say that it was not received until long after the Report had been printed and referred to Grand Commandery.

The election of Grand Officers resulted in the election of R. E. Sir George W. Vallery, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Charles H. Jacobson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E. Sir Harper M. Orahood, re-appointed Committee on Correspondence.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave to be held at Colorado Springs, September 22 and 23, 1911.

CONNECTICUT, 1911

The volume opens with a splendid portrait of Eugene A. Hall, Grand Commander.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Conclave was opened in the Asylum of St. Elmo Commandery in the city of Meriden, March 24, 1911, all of the Grand Officers, except the Captain of the Guard, present, also thirteen Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies. The Representatives of thirty-one sister Grand Jurisdictions responded to the roll, and we are pleased to note our good friend R. E. Sir Eli C. Birdsey, representing Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Address of the R. E. Grand Commander occupies fourteen pages and is a concise report of his official acts during his incumbency. His dispensations were few and in accordance with constitutional law. At his conclusion he pays a fitting tribute of appreciation of the assistance of the Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows receipts of \$4,821.70; expenditures, \$4,152.06.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows membership of 3,886, a gain for the year of 99.

The remainder of the business is routine in character.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Em. Sir Samuel J. Bryant, who reviews the Proceedings of all the Grand Jurisdictions with the exception of Indian Territory, New Hampshire and North Carolina. Frater Bryant states he is obliged to hand in his report not later than March 1st, and that the report from Maryland should, if reasonable diligence is applied to the same, be received by the holidays, and that the promptness of the Recorder of Connecticut enables him to exhort and entreat the others to be reasonably prompt. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives due attention, two pages being devoted to the same.

R. E. Sir Wesley U. Pearne, Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Eli C. Birdsey, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E. Sir Samuel J. Bryant, continued as Correspondent.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Conclave to be held in the Asylum of Cyrene Commandery, No. 8, Middletown, March 19, 1912.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1911

The Sixteenth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Washington, D.C., May 8, 1911.

All of the Grand Officers present, with the exception of the Grand Generalissimo, whose absence was occasioned by his being out of the jurisdiction. Eight Past Grand Commanders present, the representatives of the five constituent Commanderies and thirty Grand Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find Sir Arvine W. Johnston, Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The first business after the opening of Grand Commandery was the reception of M. W. J. Claude Keiper, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, also R. E. Sir Harry A. Remley, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland and R. E. Sir Thomas J. Shryock, representative of the Grand Master. These distinguished Fraters were introduced by the Deputy Grand Commander and received a Knightly welcome, being escorted to the East under an arch of steel.

The Address of the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir George C. Ober, was a faithful exhibit of the transactions of his office during the year. Among other things he says:

"Templar Masonry in the District of Columbia is prosperous and happy, sound numerically and financially, and rich in inter-Commandery good-will and knightly comity. The peace and harmony that has prevailed among us for so many years is undisturbed. The utmost cordiality and good-will exists among the Commanderies and between them and this Grand Commandery. Our relations with other jurisdictions are all that can be desired."

He also pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. He congratulates Grand Commandery that no question of importance had been referred to him for his decision during his term of office, deeming it a matter of congratulation that the Sir Knights presiding over the several constituent Commanderies have been sufficiently acquainted with the laws, regulations and statutes by which

they are governed to enable them to determine correctly the proper disposition of such matters as have been called to their attention. That this is a fact must be exceedingly gratifying, not only to the Grand Commander, but the members of Grand Commandery.

Following the Grand Commander's address recess was taken until May 9th at 8.00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of partaking of a banquet, when R.E.Sir Thomas J. Shryock and other guests of the evening were escorted to the New Willard, where the banquet was given by the officers and Past Grand Commanders, and an evening of hearty enjoyment was spent. Remarks of an informal character were made by the Grand Commander and R.E.Sir Shryock and other distinguished guests.

May 9th, 1911, the business of Grand Commandery was resumed at eight o'clock P.M., when the reports of the various officers were submitted.

The Grand Recorder's Report shows membership of 1708, a loss for the year of 35.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts of \$4,439.71; expenditures, \$3,194.19; balance on hand, \$1,245.52.

The Committee on Grievances report that nothing had been submitted to them for their consideration.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of R.E.Sir George E. Corson, and like all others contributed by him, is worth the perusal. All of the Grand Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment were reviewed with the exception of those of Montana and Indian Territory, which had not been received. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is briefly reviewed. He calls our third report "interesting and instructive in that it furnishes the reader with a very clear and comprehensive knowledge of the principal doings in the several Grand Jurisdictions," and we extend to Sir Corson our grateful acknowledgment of the same. We quote his conclusion:

"Having made, for the fifth time, the circuit of the various Templar jurisdictions whose proceedings have reached our table, we have now come to a stopping place where we can

tarry for a while before renewing our journey for another year, and look back over the route now become somewhat familiar by these repeated wanderings.

"As we take a survey of our tour from Alabama to Wyoming, through nearly all the lands of Templardom, it is fitting that we ask ourselves what has most impressed us as we have passed along the road? What have we seen of good to cheer and encourage us, and what of evil to dismay and dishearten us?

"We are pleased to be able to make answer that the retrospect is more encouraging than disheartening; that we have seen more to cheer than to dismay us; that the Templar pathway is being made each year pleasanter and smoother by deeds of charity and pure beneficence, and that the pitfalls of error and the stumbling-blocks of unrighteousness less frequently impede the pilgrim's progress.

"But while the outlook for the Order of the Temple is hopeful and cheering and its prospects bright and inspiring, there is yet much in the way of betterment to be striven for, and many things to be accomplished before it occupies to the best advantage that high plane to which its principles and professions entitle it.

"This can be achieved only by a faithful adherence to those principles and a strict observance of the laws made for the government of the Order."

R.E.Sir Robert Cook, Grand Commander.

E.Sir Arvine W. Johnston, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E.Sir George E. Corson, continued as Correspondent.

ENGLAND AND WALES

A Chapter of the Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, etc., holden in Mark Masons' Hall, London, December 10, 1910, at 5 o'clock.

There were present The Most Eminent Pro.Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., on the Throne; the Great Seneschal V.E.Knight R. Loveland-Loveland, K.C., G.C.T., with numerous Knights of the Grand Cross, Provincial Priors, Knights Commanders, Great Officers and other representatives of various Provinces.

The Pro. Grand Master was received with the usual honors and assumed the Throne, when a Chapter of the Great Priory was duly opened.

After reading and confirming of the Minutes the Grand Masters' Council made its report for 1909. The Great Priorities of Ireland, Scotland and England were each represented by their principal officers. The greater portion of the report submitted was regarding the Kintone Preceptory instituted by Scotland in Australia, and claimed to be irregular by England. After discussion the matter was finally settled by Scotland promising not to again organize a Preceptory in a similar manner outside of Scotland, and England agreeing to recognize the Kintone Preceptory.

The Grand Master announced he had granted a warrant to certain members in Jamaica, under the style and title of Preceptory of Jamaica, which was consecrated on the 27th day of August, 1909.

A Chapter of the Great Priory of Malta was opened and six Knights of the Order of the Temple received the Mediterranean Pass and were admitted to the Order of Malta.

The May, 1910, Assembly was presided over by the Pro. Grand Master the Earl of Euston. Resolutions of condolence upon the death of King Edward, Patron of the Order of the Temple, were passed, as was also a resolution of loyalty to King George V.

The Great Treasurer's accounts were reported to have been audited and that he had £1,322, 9s, 2d, balance in the bank.

The sum of one hundred guineas was donated to the "Mark Benevolent Fund."

The balance of the business was routine and after the closing of Great Priory, nineteen Knights of the Order of the Temple, after receiving the Mediterranean Pass were admitted into the Order of Malta.

The close of the Session was followed by a banquet which was presided over by the Pro. Grand Master.

The Earl of Euston, Pro. Grand Master.

Charles F. Matier, London, Grand Vice Chancellor.

FLORIDA, 1911

The Seventeenth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Jacksonville, May 11, 1911.

Grand Commandery assembled in the Asylum of Damascus Commandery, No. 2, Masonic Temple, Jacksonville, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. There being a constitutional number of Grand Officers and Representatives of chartered Commanderies present, Grand Commandery was opened in ample form by the R. E. Grand Commander. Prayer by the Grand Prelate. At Roll-call all the Grand Officers were found to be present with the exception of the Grand Standard Bearer. Nine Past Grand Commanders were also present. Among the distinguished guests was Past Grand Commander John Gillies of Missouri, who was received in due form and made a short address.

The Grand Commander's Address contains much of local interest and he pays fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. They have a very happy custom in this Jurisdiction of having the various Commanderies do some charity work on Christmas morning, and nearly all of the Commanderies appropriated certain sums of money for charitable institutions. He granted but one Dispensation during the year and that was for a Commandery to hold a public reception to the Grand Officers of Florida. Bartow Commandery, No. 15, was constituted during his term and its officers installed. That the burden of his office did not rest heavily on his shoulders is evident as he had no question presented during the year for decision.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we glean that the membership is now 1,090, a gain for the year of 41.

The Grand Treasurer reported Receipts of \$2,681.30; expenditures, \$1,117.33.

Among the business transacted was a Resolution that the Commanderies of the Jurisdiction be authorized to adopt and use fatigue uniforms of white duck when full Templar uniforms are not required.

The Committee on Grievances was pleased to report that harmony had prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction.

The officers were installed by Past Grand Commander Carnell, assisted by P.:G.:C.:Silas B. Wright acting as Grand Marshal.

Past Grand Commander's jewel was presented to R.:E.: Sir John H. Norton.

A resolution was also adopted that the Grand Commander shall designate a Sir Knight or Sir Knights, whose duty it shall be to visit Commanderies which may be designated and give instruction in the tactics of the Order.

There is no report on Correspondence.

R.:E.: Sir Louis C. Massey, Grand Commander.

E.: Sir Wilber P. Webster, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The Eighteenth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Jacksonville, Thursday, May 23, 1912.

GEORGIA, 1911

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave held in the city of Athens, May 10th, and 11th, 1911.

Preliminary to the opening ceremonies the Sir Knights were formed for review and parade at 11.45 A.M., on Washington Street, fronting the Georgian Hotel, the local Commandery, Godfrey de Bouillon, being the escorting Commandery. Promptly at 12.00 o'clock the officers of the Grand Commandery with distinguished visitors, formed in the parlors of the Georgian Hotel and proceeded to the street, where they were saluted and afterwards passed in review of the battalion.

After marching through the principal streets, the parade continued to the Moss Auditorium, where the public formal exercises were held. After luncheon the Sir Knights assembled in the Asylum and Grand Commandery was opened in due form, all the Grand Officers being present except the Grand Junior Warden, who was absent on account of illness, and the E.: Grand Prelate.

R.:E.: Sir George T. Bryan, Past Grand Commander of South Carolina, and representative of Georgia near that Grand Jurisdiction, being announced in waiting, was received and duly welcomed. V.:E.: Sir Joseph K. Orr, Grand Senior Warden

of the Grand Encampment and a member of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, being announced in waiting, was also introduced and welcomed. Em.: Sir Ervine E. Webster, Past Grand Commander of Florida and representative of the M.:E.: Grand Master, being announced in waiting for the purpose of paying an official visit, was escorted to the asylum and received with the courtesies due his exalted position.

The opening of Grand Commandery was then perfected after invocation to Deity by the acting Grand Prelate.

The Grand Commander then delivered his address, which is a splendid review of the transactions of his office during the year, in which he pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. He issued but one dispensation during the year. This was to St. Johns Commandery No. 19, to allow them to hold their regular conclave and election of officers on Good Friday in the Presbyterian Church, their Asylum having been destroyed by fire. He reports refusing many applications for permission to ballot upon candidates without waiting the statutory time. He is very much opposed to "railroading" candidates through and is very glad that the Code of Laws adopted at the Triennial makes a lapse of two weeks at least, obligatory between proposing and electing. He reported the finances of Grand Commandery to be in splendid shape; that the cash assets were \$12,441.58, with not a dollar of indebtedness, which speaks well for the management of affairs in that jurisdiction. He reported that throughout the jurisdiction as a whole the Order is increasing in numbers, improving in quarters and equipment, and adding to their material assets. We quote from his conclusion:

"I have given the best that is in me to the service of this Knightly Order, and as long as I shall live I will be found enlisted in every battle Templary engages in.

"The signal flung to the breezes by our Great Captain is the same. Adown the ages has rung out the summons, 'Follow My Flag.' I earnestly trust that together we may tread where the banner of His passion waves, and in the end may it lead us through the gates of the New Jerusalem, where, clad in

white vesture and crowned with the laurel of loyal service, we may pass an eternity together in the mansions prepared for his beloved since the foundation of the world.

"True-hearted, whole-hearted, faithful and loyal,
King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be;
Under Thy standard exalted and royal,
Strong in Thy strength we will battle for Thee.

"True-hearted, whole-hearted, fullest allegiance
Yielding henceforth to our glorious King;
Valiant endeavor and loving obedience,
Freely and joyously now would we bring.

"True-hearted, whole-hearted, Savior all glorious!
Take Thy great power and reign there alone
Over our wills and affections victorious,
Freely surrendered and wholly Thine own."

The Grand Recorder's report shows membership of 2,609, a net gain for the year of 160. This Report is an able and comprehensive document and shows that he is well qualified for the position which he fills.

The Committee on Jurisprudence report approval of the Grand Commander's recommendation that there be incorporated in the application for membership the additional question, "Where have you resided for the past three years?" and that the Recorders of each subordinate Commandery be required to verify their roll, showing each member in good standing in some Blue Lodge and Chapter, and make report in their annual returns.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Recorder, E. Sir Charles S. Wood, Chairman of the Committee, who reviews all of the Proceedings with the exception of Indian Territory and Ireland, which had not been received. His report contains much of interest, is an able review, and well written document. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention of three pages, in which he quotes largely from the address of R. E. Sir Burnham and speaks a word of praise for the work of your Correspondent, for which we extend to him our grateful thanks. He also quotes from the Conclusion of our Report for 1910.

R. E. Sir George D. Case, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Charles S. Wood, re-elected Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The Fifty-first Annual Conclave to convene on the second Wednesday of May, 1912, in the city of Macon.

ILLINOIS, 1910

The Fifty-fourth Annual Conclave, held in the Asylum of Columbia Commandery, West Chicago, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25th and 26th, 1910.

Grand Commandery was opened in short form after devotions led by the Grand Prelate, E. Sir Rev. Thomas A. Parker. All of the Grand Officers present with the exception of the Grand Recorder; the representatives of 73 Commanderies.

The first business was the appointment of Delmar D. Darrah as Grand Recorder *pro tem*.

The Grand Commander's address followed, and we excerpt from his opening:

"It is not without some feeling of regret that I come to the close of my ninth year of official service in this Grand Body, and my year of service as your Grand Commander. The past year has been one of almost crushing responsibility during which I have been made to feel that in case of a large majority there was a spirit of loyal support, not only to the cause but to the person. Realizing fully from the start the fearful burden which had to be borne, I have given you the very best effort of my life, the very best of which I am capable.

"I now come to you with an account of my stewardship with the hope and as an only request that questions be judged and decided with an eye single to the good of the Order alone."

From this address we glean that the Grand Commander had considerable anxiety over the matter of alcoholic beverages. At an interview had with M. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg the Grand Master made a special request that no wine or other

alcoholic beverage be served at banquets, and we excerpt the following from the discussion:

"At this time, I discussed the general proposition of the use of alcoholic beverages in connection with Knight Templar functions with this grand old man and learned from his own lips that he agreed with my sentiments. I then informed him that if he did not disapprove of it, a General Order would be issued prohibiting the use of all alcoholic beverages in connection with any Knight Templar function in this Grand Jurisdiction. With a look of such undoubted approval on his face, a look from my chief and our chief which I shall always be proud to remember, he said, 'Brother Cleveland, I do not disapprove of such an action, I thoroughly approve of it and commend you for the stand you have taken, and may God bless you for it.' After such a benediction from such a grand and undoubtedly consistent Christian warrior, even then standing with his foot on the threshold of his heavenly mansion, there was no doubt in my mind as to what course to pursue."

Much trouble was also evident in the matter of Drill Corps, causing the R.E. Commander to order that the Drill Corps of Evanston Commandery be disbanded, which was obeyed. To obviate this difficulty the R.E. Grand Commander stated that in his opinion "the authority of the Commandery should be supreme, subject only to the properly constituted authorities. In the work, the Ritual and Asylum Ceremonies should come first and always be given the most attention. Military drill should have attention, but after these. In case the Eminent Commander is not competent to instruct he should have the right (if he hasn't now) to appoint a member of the Commandery as military instructor, or Drill Master." He also states another objection to organized Drill Corps is that military shoulder straps and other insignia of office are worn, and this is not confined to the drill hall, but they are frequently to be seen in the Asylum during the Conclaves of the Commandery, and this is in violation of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment and also of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

The address contains an elaborate report of the Thirty-first Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, giving the number of Sir Knights from Illinois in the parade at 5,028.

In his conclusion he says that in not a single thing that has been done has the spirit of malice been permitted to enter as far as he is concerned, but to the very best of his ability for the good of the Order which he loves and to uphold the dignity of the position which he held.

The report at its conclusion was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts of \$28,351.66; expenditures of \$20,848.42. Balance on hand of \$7,503.24, and that the assets of Grand Cammandery in the hands of the Grand Treasurer were \$12,503.24.

That trouble existed in the Grand Recorder's office was evident from the motion made by R.E. Sir George M. Moulton that the conditions existing in the Grand Recorder's office be referred to the Committee on Grievances.

From the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations we learn that the present membership is 16,036, a net gain for the year of 993. There have been created 1,356; admitted 170; reinstated 43; dimitted 234; suspended 103; expelled 3; died 236.

On recommendation of the Committee on Finance \$200 was appropriated to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund.

At the Second Day's Session all of the Grand Officers were present, fourteen Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives of thirty-five sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we are pleased to see the name of Stuart E. Pierson, for Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries is a painstaking, readable document and pays due respect to the deceased Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The report on Correspondence is by R.E. Sir John Corson Smith, and like all others from his pen is a most faithful and complete review, containing as it does record of the Thirty-first Triennial Conclave, also record of the meeting of the

Mutuals. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention of two pages.

R.:E.:Sir Harry H. Cleveland, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir Delmar D. Darrah, Grand Recorder.

R.:E.:Sir John Corson Smith, re-appointed Correspondent, and who has since passed to the Asylum above.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Chicago, October 24, 1911.

INDIANA, 1911

The Fifty-seventh Annual Conclave, held in the Asylum of Raper Commandery No. 1, Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, Wednesday, May 10, 1911. All of the Grand Officers present and fifteen Past Grand Commanders. Three vacant chairs in the East were decorated in flowers in memory of Past Grand Commanders Adams, Sweet and Vail. Thirty-five Grand Representatives were present, among whom we find recorded Sir Leonidas P. Newby, for Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

There being a constitutional number of subordinate Commanderies represented, after devotional exercises led by the Em.:Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery was opened in ample form and declared ready for the transaction of business. In the opening ceremony we note that Raper Commandery, No. 1, performed the tactical evolutions and that they sustained their high reputation for efficiency and perfection.

The first business in order was the reception of the Representative of the M.:E.:Grand Master, R.:E.:Sir William T. McLean, Past Grand Commander of Ohio, who was received with the honors due his office and cordially welcomed.

Following the appointment of the Standing Committees the Grand Commander read his Address, which is an interesting and comprehensive paper and faithfully exhibits the transactions of his office during his incumbency. His Dispensations granted were all for Constitutional causes, with the exception of one, that granted to Raper Commandery, No. 1, to ballot upon petitions out of time. He reports having declined to grant two requests for dispensations to receive petitions at a

Special Conclave and to ballot upon petitions out of the statutory limit. Among his Decisions was one that it was not regular or admissible to grant dispensation to form a new Commandery to meet alternately in Auburn and Garrett, as no dispensation could be granted to organize a traveling or itinerant Commandery.

In concluding his address he pays fitting tribute and a high compliment to Grand Recorder Prather, of whom he says his broad experience and courteous tender of advice and counsel has proved an important factor in what success may have been achieved during his term of office. He closes with a quotation from H. Clayton Sprague's "Well Wishes:"

"Throughout your lives may all your days be bright;
May you and sorrow meet where ways divide;
May joy come to you with each morning's light,
And stay until the morrow's night has died.
May sickness meet you but to pass you by;
May all your years be good, and full, and long.
May friends, both staunch and true, stand ever nigh.
May all your days, be as one glad, sweet song."

The Grand Treasurer's Report gives receipts, including balance, \$21,145.29, and expenditures of \$8,117.86.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the number of chartered Commanderies is 54; Under Dispensation 1. The Membership, December 31, 1910, was 6,839, a net increase for the year of 310.

The Proceedings contain many memorials of deceased Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The First Day's Session adjourned at 5.30 o'clock, when the annual Conclave dinner was enjoyed.

The Second Day's Session opened at 9.00 o'clock in the morning, when the election of Grand Officers took place.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that the Committee had labored long and earnestly and could discover no grievance among the Sir Knights of Indiana, which speaks well for the harmony existing in the Jurisdiction.

We also note that an appropriation of \$100 was voted for the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund.

A charter was granted Seymour Commandery No. 56, and a petition for a dispensation to organize a Commandery at Elwood was also granted.

The regulation Past Grand Commander's jewel was presented to R.:E.:Sir William B. Hosford, the retiring Grand Commander, the presentation speech being made by Em.:Sir Stuart MacKibbin in behalf of Grand Commandery. The installation of Grand Officers followed, after which Grand Commandery adjourned.

The report on Correspondence is by Em.:Sir Joseph A. McKee and occupies 130 of the pages of the Proceedings. He reviews all of the Grand Jurisdictions with the exception of Connecticut, Indian Territory and New Hampshire. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous mention of two pages. A kindly word is spoken of your Correspondent, for which we return our grateful acknowledgment.

R.:E.:Sir John L. Rupe, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir Calvin W. Prather, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E.:Sir Joseph A. McKee, re-elected Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Conclave to be held at Indianapolis, Wednesday, May 8, 1912.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1911

The Seventeenth Annual Conclave, held at Chickasha, April 21, 1911. All of the Grand Officers present. The Representatives of twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions were present, but we fail to find Massachusetts and Rhode Island was represented. These Grand Representatives were welcomed by the Grand Commander in a few well-chosen words and the greeting was duly acknowledged by the Representatives.

The Grand Commander's address contains much that is interesting to their own Jurisdiction and is a résumé of the routine business transacted during the year.

Among the distinguished Fraters present was R.:E.:Sir John R. Mahill, Grand Commander of Oklahoma, who was

introduced in Knightly form, welcomed and escorted to the throne.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows total membership 697, gain of 140.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that nothing in the nature of a grievance or appeal had been submitted to them for action.

The report of the Committee on Necrology pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Edmond H. Doyle, as chairman, who reported that they had the honor to submit their annual report, embracing a review of the Proceedings of all but two of the Grand Templar Jurisdictions in the United States, but we fail to find anything bound into the report of the proceedings.

The election of officers resulted in election of

R.:E.:Sir Ira McNair, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir Eugene Hamilton, Grand Recorder.

The Eighteenth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Muskogee, on Friday after the third Tuesday in April, 1912.

Iowa, 1911

The Forty-eighth Annual Conclave was convened at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, 1911.

The volume opens with a Bather portrait of J. W. Edwards, Grand Commander, 1910.

At the opening of Grand Commandery all the Sir Knights were found to be present and were led in their devotions by Rev. Hardy A. Ingham, Grand Prelate.

The Grand Warder announced the presence of distinguished visitors, and the lines were formed and Sir Knight James A. Pinney, Past Grand Commander of Idaho and present Grand Recorder, was received through the lines and cordially welcomed. There was also present Sir Knight Louis Block, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, who was received with knightly greetings by the Grand Commander.

The address of the Grand Commander, which followed, is a faithful exhibit of the transactions of his office during the year, in which he pays due respect to the memory of the Fraternal dead of the jurisdiction. He says, among other things, that six of the Commanderies report no unpaid dues. His Decisions were very few and of not enough importance to be reported. We also note he received three requests for dispensations to receive and ballot upon petitions out of time, which in each case he refused.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand from last year \$5,069.64; cash received from various sources, \$7,356.31; expenditures, \$8,367.88; balance on hand \$4,058.07.

The Grand Recorder's Report shows number of members 6,213, a gain for the year of 153.

Petition from the Sir Knights residing in Clarion, Wright County, was received to form and open a Commandery at that place, which was later granted.

Many letters of regret were received from prominent members of the Order and were duly recorded.

The volume contains a full copy of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

There was but one matter before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, being the case of a Sir Knight who had removed to California, and the Recorder of his Commandery being negligent in permitting this Sir Knight to remain a member of his Commandery after actual knowledge of his being a charter member of a Commandery in California, and paying dues on him for 1909 and 1910, the Committee recommended that the refund of dues for these two years be not granted, but that dues for 1911 should not be charged and the facts of the case be recorded in the next report of the Commandery.

The Committee on Charity report that no application had been made to the Officers of Grand Commandery for, and no case requiring the extension of Knightly charity has been brought to the committee's attention.

The report of the Committee on chartered Commanderies in the jurisdiction says that the Commanderies are numbered

from 1 to 60 inclusive, with numbers 16, 20 and 46 extinct, leaving 57 active Commanderies.

Of the number of Sir Knights created during the year, it was reported that 29 of those Knighted had not received the Order of Malta, which was a clear violation of the laws of the Grand Encampment. The Committee recommended that the penalties attached to such violation should be visited upon the Commanderies that had failed in this respect.

They also reported that 3,005 Sir Knights in Iowa wear the regulation uniform; 2,671 wear the old regulation uniform, while 327 were reported without uniforms.

Upon the fourth day of the session the officers elected and appointed were publicly installed.

The Report of the Committee on Necrology is an elaborate and painstaking report and the Chairman of the Committee, Sir Louis Block, is to be commended for the same.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir David W. Clements and Sir Charles C. Clark and occupies 107 pages of the Proceedings. It opens with a Prologue in which Sir Clark says, "It was with genuine trepidation that, at the request of Grand Commander Edwards we took up the standard of the Correspondence Report where it had fallen from the strong, vigorous grasp of Past Grand Commander Clements," Frater Clements having written part of the report before his decease. Forty-four Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed, Massachusetts and Rhode Island being given three pages. Your Correspondent is courteously remembered, although Frater Clark says we do not go into as many details as he thinks a report of this character should furnish. However, we all have different opinions upon the subject of what should be laid before our readers and would be of interest. He says "Amen" to our opinion that Representatives should attend Conclaves and report on the Knightly courtesy shown them, which we hope at some no-distant time will come to pass.

R..E..Sir Arthur R. Molyneux, Grand Commander.

R..E..Sir David M. Brownlee, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E..Sir Charles C. Clark, Committee on Correspondence.

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave will be held at Templar Park, commencing Tuesday, July 9, 1912.

KANSAS, 1911

The Forty-second Annual Conclave, held at Emporia, May 9, 1911. Preliminary to the opening of the Commandery, escort was formed consisting of fourteen Grand Officers, three bands and 383 Sir Knights in line. The command was formed at the Hotel Whitley and marched through the principal streets to the Masonic Temple, where the column was reviewed by R. E. Sir Bestor G. Brown, personal representative of the Grand Master, and the Grand Officers. Arriving at the Asylum, Grand Commandery was opened in ample form.

R. E. Sir Bestor G. Brown, Past Grand Commander and personal representative of the Grand Master, was formally presented and received with the honors due his rank.

The report of the Committee on Credentials shows that all the Grand Officers were present; eight Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives of twenty-five sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find our well-beloved and esteemed Frater Edward W. Wellington representing Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Grand Commander's address is a readable document, containing much of interest to the jurisdiction. He reports that Herington Commandery, No. 53, located at Herington, Kans. had been constituted under its charter, and Atwood Commandery, at Atwood, had been constituted under dispensation.

He reported that dispensations to consider petitions for the Order waiving the statutory time, where the exigencies of the case seemed to warrant it had been issued.

The Grand Treasurer reported receipts, with balance on hand of \$15,635.81; expenditures of \$9,849.37. Balance on hand of \$5,786.44, also a Triennial Fund of \$1,361.50.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows membership March 31st, 5,508, a net gain of 257.

At the adjournment of the first day's session the social features of the Conclave were not neglected, the Sir Knights and citizens of Emporia giving an informal reception in Elks Hall, followed by a musical entertainment and dance.

Grand Commandery was called to order at 9.15 A.M. for the second day's session.

The Committee on Necrology pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir Matthew M. Miller, and in his foreword he says that he is aware that his report will be weighed in the twelve months' balance and found wanting, but that he is also aware that the first duty of a soldier is to obey orders to the limit of his ability, leaving the result for whatever of blame or praise the circumstances warrant. He need not have given himself any worry, as after reading the report we can only say that it is equal to any that have preceded his effort. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention, with two pages, in which he calls our report a careful, condensed summary of each of the Grand Jurisdictions reviewed. We note that he did not make a mistake in the spelling of our name, as did last year's report, but knowing from experience the faults of printers and proof-readers, we did not lay it up against Frater Postlethwaite, but where it belonged.

R. E. Sir William F. March, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Thomas J. Anderson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E. Sir Matthew M. Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The Forty-third Annual Conclave to be held in Kansas City, May 14th and 15th, 1912.

KENTUCKY, 1911

The Sixty-fourth Annual Conclave, held in Lexington, May 17th, 1911.

Prior to the opening the several Commanderies marched to the Auditorium where elaborate and interesting exercises were held, at the conclusion of which Grand Commandery under escort repaired to the Fayette County Court House, where Grand Commandery was opened by the R. E. Grand Commander, John G. Cramer, at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon. All of the Grand Officers present.

The first business was the reception of the Representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master, R. E. Sir Lewis N. Taverner,

Past Grand Commander of West Virginia, who was duly received and welcomed with the honors due his exalted rank.

The Grand Commander's Address follows, which is a painstaking and complete review of the proceedings during his term of office. Among his Dispensations we note that he refused several requests for dispensation to ballot upon petitions out of time. In acknowledgment of the request for contributions to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund, a list of the Commanderies subscribing to the same is contained in the address. In conclusion he expresses his appreciation of the pleasant associations during his term of office and for the many courtesies and evidences of friendship that had been shown to him.

The Grand Recorder's report shows the number of members to be 4,427, a gain for the year of 107.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts with balance on hand, \$9,980.83; expenditures of \$7,054.65.

Past Commander William H. Bartholomew, Chairman of the Committee on Necrology, presented a report which contained glowing tribute to the worth of the Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions who had departed during the year. R.E.Sirs George H. Kenyon, John Donald Munroe and Robert H. Chamberlain of Massachusetts and Rhode Island receiving prominent mention.

The Committee on Grievances report that nothing had been referred to them for their consideration.

Resolution was presented, "That the regulation adopted at the Sixty-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, restricting the number of candidates on whom a subordinate Commandery could confer the orders of the Temple within twenty-four hours, to five, be rescinded," which was on motion adopted.

The Resolution by R.E.Sir Cramer that the sum of \$500 be appropriated annually to the Commandery entertaining Grand Commandery, was not approved.

The Report on Correspondence by W. W. Clarke, Chairman, occupies 100 pages of the Proceedings and is an interesting and readable document, containing many things we should

like to mention did time and space permit. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously considered by two pages. He calls our last report interesting and instructive, for which we take off our hat.

R.E.Sir William Yeoman, Grand Commander.

E.Sir Alfred Hughes Bryant, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E.Sir William W. Clarke continued as Correspondent.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Paris, May 15, 1912.

LOUISIANA, 1911

The Forty-eighth Annual Conclave, held in New Orleans, Thursday, February 9, 1911.

The Grand Commandery was opened in ample form at one o'clock in the afternoon, all the Grand Officers being present with the exception of the Grand Senior Warden; fourteen Past Grand Commanders and the representatives of 23 sister Grand Jurisdictions, but we do not find among the list the representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The report of the Grand Commander briefly submits the transactions of his office during the year. He granted few Dispensations, all in accordance with constitutional law. In his conclusion he pays a mark or commendation and tribute to the faithful services of the Grand Recorder, Sir Richard Lambert.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows receipts with balance on hand of \$3,566.85; expenditures, \$2,135.39; balance on hand, \$1,431.46.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows the membership to be 898, a gain for the year of 67.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Grand Commander's Address, it was resolved that the sum of \$50 be appropriated from the funds of Grand Commandery for the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund. We quote from their report:

"Resolved, That the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated from the funds of our Grand Commandery, for that purpose."

"Fourth. We wish hereby to show our great appreciation

of our Eminent Grand Commander and his officers, who devoted their time, untiring energy and means to make the triennial meeting of the Grand Commandery at Chicago a success, and here state that few could have done so well and none better, and hope that the good example furnished by them will be followed by their successors, to our great and lasting benefit; and if we failed to get the next triennial meeting for 1913 at New Orleans, it certainly was not their fault, as they left nothing undone to achieve that result, and believe that the work done by them will leave good results and secure to us the next triennial meeting."

The Committee on Triennial Conclave reported receipts of \$2,952.67, and they report a deficiency of \$793.76 to meet disbursements.

The report on Correspondence is by Em. Sir Herman C. Duncan, who reviews the Proceedings of all the Grand Jurisdictions with the exception of South Carolina and Washington, and the request is made: will their Grand Recorders please take note, as they have a sincere desire to know what these Grand Jurisdictions are doing? Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous mention, with brief quotation from the address of Grand Commander Burnham.

R. E. Sir William A. Bryant, Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Richard Lambert, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E. Sir Herman C. Duncan, Foreign Correspondent.

Forty-ninth Annual Conclave to be held in New Orleans, February 8, 1912.

MAINE, 1910

The Fifty-ninth Annual Conclave. Grand Commandery was opened in Fifty-ninth Annual Conclave, Masonic Hall, Portland, Me., Thursday, May 5, 1910, at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon, all the Grand Officers being present and fifty-two Representatives from the twenty-three Commanderies. Grand Commandery was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Prelate.

Rt. Em. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, inspecting officer, representing the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

of the United States, was received by the Grand Commander with due ceremony. He was accompanied by V. Em. Sir Frederick C. Thayer, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment.

Letters were read from M. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Grand Master, R. E. Sirs Herbert Harris and Augustus B. Farnham, Past Grand Commanders, and R. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham, Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, expressing their regret at their unavoidable absence. Other Grand Commanderies were represented by twenty-five representatives, among whom we find R. E. Sir John W. Ballou, representing Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The first business was the reading of the Memorial of M. E. Sir Henry L. Palmer.

The Grand Commander then delivered his address, in which he says, "The old guard, once in the forefront carrying the brunt of the burdens of their day, are slowly but inevitably dropping out of the ranks. One by one they lay aside their armor, their swords are sheathed, their feeble footsteps even fail to bring them to our council chamber, and their words of wisdom to which we reverently listened are no longer heard!" Then follows fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. Many Dispensations were granted, all for constitutional purposes. His Decisions were few and among them we find the following: That there was no law authorizing a temporary dimit; that if a member asked for a dimit he was entitled to one, and that severed his membership with the Commandery. From his address it seems that the Grand Commander of Maine has the right to grant exclusive jurisdiction to Commanderies over newly chartered Chapters. He also announces that the inspection discloses that one of the Commanderies with a membership of 350 reports unpaid dues amounting to \$1,255.00. Surely the Recorder of the Commandery could not have paid much attention to his duties. He also reports that one Commandery with 200 membership reports unpaid dues of only \$18.00. In his conclusion he pays fitting tribute to the ability of the Grand Recorder of whom he says that from his great fund

of knowledge of Templar law and traditions acquired by long years of service, he has always ungrudgingly honored drafts upon him and has always been of the greatest assistance, and he acknowledges his indebtedness and tenders him his heartfelt gratitude.

The reports of the Inspecting Officers are very voluminous and are interesting reading. Much information is obtained from these reports.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts, with balance on hand, of \$12,038.65.

From the Grand Recorder's report we find that the membership of the twenty-three Commanderies is 5,317, a net gain of 79.

It being Ascension Day, an appropriate address was delivered by the Grand Prelate, Rev. James F. Albion, D.D.

The report of the Committee on Grievances is, but one matter has come before them, and the evidence in the same being incomplete it was referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

Recess being taken at six o'clock, supper was served and addresses were made by the Grand Commander elect, R. E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and V. E. Sir Frederick C. Thayer and others. The Grand Officers were then installed by V. E. Sir Frederick C. Thayer, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Message of regret at his forced absence was forwarded to M. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, as follows:

"PORTLAND, ME., May 5, 1910.

"REV. HENRY W. RUGG,

Grand Master of the Grand Encampment
of Knights Templar, Providence, R.I.

Most Eminent Sir Knight and dear Frater:

"At the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of the state of Maine, held today, universal sympathy for your long illness, and regret and disappointment at your enforced absence, was expressed.

"Recalling your presence one year ago, and the pleasure received from your cordial greeting and in listening to your inspiring words, the members of the Grand Commandery had looked forward with anticipation of renewed pleasure from your presence at this conclave.

"It was unanimously voted that the Grand Commandery extend to you sympathy in your illness, and heartfelt regret at your inability to be present, and assurances of the loyalty to you of more than five thousand Knights Templar in this jurisdiction, and that I communicate the same to you.

"The fraters of the old Pine Tree State do not forget that for many years you were one of them, and all have a warm place in their hearts for you.

"With assurances of my own high regard and personal esteem, I am

Courteously and fraternally yours,

HARRY R. VIRGIN."

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Em. Sir Stephen Berry and is up to his usual standard. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous review, in which he differs from the writer as to the right of a dimitted Sir Knight to visit a Commandery.

R. E. Sir Warren C. Philbrook, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Stephen Berry, re-elected Grand Recorder and continued as Correspondent.

The Sixtieth Annual Conclave to be held at Portland, May 4, 1911.

MARYLAND, 1910-1911

The Fortieth Annual Conclave, opened in Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Tuesday, November 22, 1910, all the Grand Officers being present; the representatives of twenty-eight sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find the representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; twenty Past Grand Commanders and the representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

The constitutional number being reported as present, Grand Commandery was opened in ample form, the services at the altar being performed by the Eminent Grand Prelate.

Right Eminent Sir Harrison Dingman, Past Grand Commander of the District of Columbia, and Representative of the M.E.Grand Master, was received with all the honor due his exalted station and welcomed by the R.E.Grand Commander, to which Em.Sir Dingman responded in an eloquent and fitting manner.

The address of the Grand Commander then follows, in which he states that the past year had been one which would ever be a delightful remembrance to him of the many courtesies and expressions of kindness and true brotherly love which had characterized the words and actions of the Sir Knights of the Jurisdiction. His Dispensations were few and for constitutional causes. He also recommended that an appropriation of the sum of \$100 be made by Grand Commandery to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows receipts of \$5,275.93; expenditure of \$2,140.47.

Report of the Grand Recorder showed membership of 1,873, a gain for the year of 48.

The lines having been formed by the Eminent Grand Captain General, obituaries were read of the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. The balance of the Conclave was taken up with routine business.

The election of officers resulted in the election of Sir Harry A. Remley, R.E.Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller, re-elected as E.Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The Forty-first Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Baltimore, Tuesday, May 2, 1911.

The Forty-first Annual Conclave was opened in the Asylum of Masonic Temple, city of Baltimore, Tuesday, May 2, 1911, at 4.00 o'clock in the afternoon, all the Grand Officers being reported present, the representatives of twenty-seven sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find the representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

After invocation to Deity by the Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery was opened in ample form.

The first business was the reception of Sir Knight Thomas

P. Morgan, Grand Representative of the M.E.Grand Master, who was accompanied by Sir Knight Walter H. Klopfer, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, who were escorted into the Asylum and received with the honors due their exalted rank. Em.Sir Knight Morgan being called upon made a most eloquent address in response to the address of welcome of the R.E.Grand Commander.

The R.E.Grand Commander's address is a brief and comprehensive statement of the transactions of his office during the year, in which he states it is a pleasure to report that the Order is in a more prosperous condition than it has been for some years, and that the increase in membership has been gratifying. Peace and harmony prevail and knightly and fraternal relations exist with sister Grand Jurisdictions. Among his recommendations was one to prohibit the mailing of unsealed letters which contain names of applicants.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows receipts of \$4,407.92; expenditures of \$1,937.34.

The Grand Recorder's Report shows membership April 1, 1911, 1,949, a net gain of 76.

That the Committee on Jurisprudence had nothing to do is shown by their report, which we quote:

"Nothing having been reported to your Committee on Jurisprudence for their consideration, they have no report to make other than to congratulate the officers of the constituent Commanderies upon their knowledge of and obedience to the law, which is also a matter of congratulation to the entire Jurisdiction."

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals also report that nothing had been placed before them and that peace and harmony exist in the Jurisdiction.

At 5.40 p.m. Grand Commandery adjourned until 7.30 o'clock for the purpose of visiting the banquet hall, where a nice banquet awaited them. Grand Commandery was called from refreshment to labor at 7.30 p.m., when the business of the Conclave was taken up, when all the Grand Officers were re-elected and installed.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from our esteemed friend and Frater John H. Miller, who presents his twelfth report, with the hope that it would meet with the courteous reception as all his previous ones, and from reading the same he certainly had no reason to doubt that it would. The report is interspersed with many comments and criticisms, and the same are all in good taste. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous review, three pages being devoted to the same. He quotes largely from the Address of Grand Commander Burnham, and regarding his recommendation that Commanderies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island procure working copies of their charter, he states he is afraid this would conflict with the Grand Encampment Code, as in his judgment the law requires that original charters be present. In answer to this we would say that the original charters are present at the Conclaves of the Commanderies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the duplicate copy is for the purpose of hanging on the walls of the Asylums. The original charter at the close of the Conclave is taken from the hall and placed in some safe keeping, where it can be preserved from fire and other means of destruction. He speaks kindly of our last report, for which he has our grateful acknowledgments.

R.:E.:Sir Henry A. Remley, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir John H. Miller, re-elected Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The Forty-second Annual Conclave to be held in Frederick, Tuesday, May 2, 1912.

MICHIGAN, 1911

The Fifty-fifth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Saginaw, June 13, 1911. The volume before us, like all others that emanate from this Grand Jurisdiction, is a credit to the Grand Recorder and the printer.

Grand Commandery was convened at two o'clock in the afternoon, and that the session was open in brief form was caused by the notice of the death of Em.:Sir James Findlater, of Detroit Commandery, No. 1. The festivities which had

been carefully planned at much time and labor were all suspended or abandoned.

All of the Grand Officers being present and in their proper stations, Grand Commandery was opened at three o'clock in the afternoon. The first business was the reception of V.:E.: Sir Leonidas P. Newby, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment of the United States and official representative of the M.:E.:Grand Master, who was escorted into the Asylum and received with the honors due his exalted position.

Among the distinguished Fraters present were twelve Past Grand Commanders and the representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

The Grand Commander's Address is a faithful account of his stewardship as Grand Commander, in which he pays faithful tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. Among his recommendations was one that the Grand Commandery of Michigan contribute liberally to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund, and recommended that an appropriation of \$100 be made for the same. Among his dispensations refused was a request to confer the Order upon several applicants whose applications were expected to be received at one Conclave; the Order could not be conferred upon them until the next succeeding Conclave. Also request for dispensation to appear in full Templar uniform at a country fair was refused.

From the Grand Recorder's Report we find that the membership April, 1911, was 8,352, a net increase of 261.

The Grand Recorder reports that the receipts with balance on hand were \$19,995.10; the expenditures were \$11,925.05.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Sir George T. Campbell and occupies 100 pages of the Proceedings. Massachusetts and Rhode Island received courteous mention with three pages. In his conclusion he says there are many things he would like to copy for the benefit of his own Jurisdiction, but it is difficult to know when to stop.

R.:E.:Sir William H. Kessler, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir Henry L. Anthony, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E. Sir George T. Campbell, re-appointed Committee on Correspondence.

MINNESOTA, 1911

The Forty-sixth Annual Conclave, held at Minneapolis, April 26, 1911. All the Grand Officers present except the Grand Captain of the Guard. The first business was a rehearsal, inspection and review and rehearsal of duties by the Sir Knights of Darius Commandery, No. 7, after which Grand Commandery was opened in ample form.

On calling the roll twenty-four Commanderies were found to be represented by those present. Grand Representatives from fourteen Grand Jurisdictions were found to be present, among whom was R. Em. Sir A. T. Stebbins, Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Grand Commander's address is a most readable paper, in which he pays due respect to the memory of the departed Fraters of sister Grand Jurisdictions. He reported only one decision, and we quote the same:

Question: We have in our Commandery a Sir Knight, who many years ago dimitted from his Blue Lodge and Chapter and later became a member of our Commandery.

When I became E. C. I insisted that he put a petition into the Blue Lodge and Chapter to comply with Section 1, Par. 204 of the Code. He did so and was rejected, and the same thing occurred six months later.

Is it necessary that he put a petition into the Blue Lodge and Chapter every six months in order to retain his membership in the Commandery?

Answer: I cannot find any law bearing directly on the case. The only logical conclusion I can arrive at is as follows; and I therefore rule:

"The Sir Knight has made an effort (in fact two efforts) to secure affiliation and has thus absolved himself. The fact that he is not affiliated is not of his voluntary will, and his membership in the Commandery is not affected by reason of his non-affiliation with Blue Lodge and Chapter."

His dispensations were few, and among those we note he refused to issue a dispensation to ballot for petitions out of time.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the receipts to be \$12,907.40; the expenditures, \$4,725.87.

The Grand Recorder's report shows the membership in the Jurisdiction 4,239, a gain for the year of 147.

A petition was received from a number of Sir Knights praying for a dispensation for a new Commandery, to be located at St. Peters, and was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That harmony exists in the Jurisdiction is evidenced by the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who report that nothing had been referred to them for action.

In this Jurisdiction they have a Committee on Visitors, who reported that there were present at this Conclave Rt. Em. Sir George A. Pettigrew, Past Grand Commander of South Dakota, and the Representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; Sir Knight Jehiel W. Chamberlin, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, and Sir Knight Alexander Grant, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, and Em. Sir Knight Benjamin F. Ives, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Em. Sir John Fishel, who submits his fourth annual review, in which he says he has endeavored to cull from the mass of matter reviewed that which he thought might be of interest and that he had ever in mind the adage "Write little but well," and from the reading of his report he has fully lived up to his belief. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously reviewed. He expresses doubt of the authority of Grand Commander Burnham to grant a dispensation to a Commandery to change the hour of meeting from 7.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Right Eminent Sir George F. Dix, Grand Commander.

Eminent Sir John Fishel, re-elected Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The Forty-seventh Annual Conclave to be held in St. Paul on April 24, 1912.

MISSISSIPPI, 1910

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave was opened in the Asylum of the Coast Commandery, in the city of Biloxi, Tuesday, April 8, 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, all the Grand Officers being present, and nine Past Grand Officers.

Grand Commandery escorted by Coast Commandery and many visiting Sir Knights proceeded to the Opera House, where the Semi-Centennial was duly observed by an impressive and interesting ceremony.

At 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon Grand Commandery convened in the Asylum of Coast Commandery and was opened in ample form, the Grand Prelate leading the devotions. The first business was the report of the Committee on Credentials, who reported that the representatives of the several Commanderies were present and entitled to seats. Telegram from the Order of the Eastern Star was read, extending cordial greetings to the Grand Commandery, and the Grand Commandery of Texas also sent hearty wishes. An invitation was extended to the Grand Commandery from the Protective Benevolent Order of Elks to visit and avail themselves of their clubhouse, as guests of the Elks, during their stay in Biloxi.

The Grand Commander then read his Annual Address, in which graceful remembrance of the deceased Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions is recorded. He also reports that charters had been granted to Port Gibson Commandery, No. 31, and Malta Commandery, No. 32. His dispensations were few and in accordance with constitutional requirements. He reported that a number of dispensations were asked for and refused, especially those that were requests for "Fast Mail" dispensations, in other words where a Commandery asked dispensation to confer the Orders without the use of the adopted uniform, which had been made obligatory, also to exempt a candidate from providing himself with the adopted uniform before receiving the Orders. From his report we glean that considerable dissatisfaction with the adopted uniform had developed and that eleven Commanderies had communicated with the Grand Commander concerning the same. In regard to this matter we excerpt the following:

"A certain amount of friction and dissatisfaction was to have been expected over the mandatory use of any uniforms, no matter the character or style of the selection. It is expecting too

much to ask 1,500 men, all of whom are free, white and twenty-one years of age, and especially Mississippians, to agree thoroughly on any proposition, particularly one appealing to the pride, vanity or comfort of the individual. Therefore, as stated, a certain amount of objection to the action of the Grand Commandery at Meridian was in order.

"Another thing that I have taken into consideration is that the adopted uniform has not been given a trial, some of the Commanderies had not seen so much as a sample of the uniform when they met and resolved against its use.

"In view of the fact that the adoption at Meridian was made after a free and full discussion of the subject and by a practically unanimous vote, it seems to me but right that the uniform should be given a fair trial before it is condemned. All must agree that we should have a standard uniform. The uniform under discussion may or may not be the thing we want, but the adoption of a standard uniform was certainly a step in the right direction."

The Grand Recorder's report, like everything else that emanates from the pen of Sir Speed, is full and comprehensive. It shows the membership to be 1,695, making a gain during the year of 72.

The first day's session was adjourned at five o'clock in the afternoon, to meet again at ten o'clock on the following day, at which time occurred the election of officers and other routine business. The Grand Commandery adjourned at 12 o'clock, P.M.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Rt. Em. Sir DeLap and occupies 120 pages. He opens with a prologue, in which he states that in constructing the same he is going to be governed by facts as he sees them and that it will be his earnest effort and heart's desire to so clothe these facts as to make them pleasing both to sight and sense, and the perusal of his report shows that he did not fail to perform what he set out to do. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous mention, five pages being devoted to the same. He writes quite extensively on the matter of the Address of R. E. Sir Munroe relative to his decision as to a clandestinely made Mason. Referring to the Proceedings of Massachusetts and Rhode Island he says he finds no reference to the Triennial

at Chicago, no report of an option upon any of the principal hotels in that windy city, and infers that we are either not going at all, or going into camp. For the information of Frater DeLap we will say that we did go to the "Windy City" and did not go into camp, but it probably would have been cheaper for us if we had. Relative to our Report on Correspondence he says that it is like the first, "All wool and a yard wide," and the same is mighty pleasant to our ears, as coming from such an able and distinguished member of the Mutuels as Frater DeLap it is surely praise indeed. Still, he finds that we have one fault as a reporter, and that is our failure to pitch into any and everything that we think is not right, and hopes that as we grow older in the business we will do better. We would say to Frater DeLap that having been born of Quaker parents our natural inclination is not to stir up any broil that we can avoid.

There are many other things contained in the report of Frater DeLap that are both interesting and instructive, and your correspondent is only too sorry that time and space will not permit a more extended review.

The election of officers resulted in the election of

R. E. Sir John S. Brooks, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Frederic Speed, Grand Recorder (who has since departed to the Grand Asylum above).

R. E. Sir Enoch G. DeLap, re-elected Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

The Fifty-first Annual Conclave will be held at Clarksdale, May 16, 1911.

The Fifty-first Annual Conclave. Like all previous Proceedings emanating from this Grand Jurisdiction, it is a pleasure to read and review. The volume opens with a likeness of our good friend Sir Edwin J. Martin. It also contains striking likeness of that distinguished Frater and Jurist, Frederic Speed.

Emergency Grand Conclave was held in the city of Vicksburg, Miss., March 12, 1911, for the purpose of paying the last tribute and respect to this distinguished and well-known Frater, and the volume contains a faithful and splendid record of his services as a man, Mason and Templar.

The Fifty-first Annual Conclave was held in the city of Clarksdale, Tuesday, May 16, 1911. Grand Commandery assembled in the parlors of the Elks' Club at Clarksdale and was escorted to the Opera House by Mississippi Commandery, No. 1, Cyrene Commandery, No. 9, and Coahoma Commandery, No. 22, and a large detachment of visiting Sir Knights, where beautiful and appropriate exercises of welcome were carried out. At the close of the exercises the lines were formed and Grand Commandery marched to St. George's Episcopal Church for devotional exercises, which were conducted by Sir Knight Bishop Theodore DuBose Bratton, Grand Prelate, who delivered a most interesting sermon, which, did not space forbid, we should be pleased to quote in full.

Grand Commandery then returned to the Asylum of Clarksdale Lodge, No. 977, B. P. O. E., where the business of the Conclave was resumed at two o'clock in the afternoon, there being present all the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Commanders and the representatives of twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we fail to find the representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The first business of the Conclave was the report of the Committee on Credentials, which was followed by the address of the R. E. Grand Commander. The reading of this address shows evidence of a careful attention to the affairs of his office, and it is a readable and interesting paper. We quote from his conclusion:

"Sir Knights, you now have the record of my official conduct before you for inspection; deal with it as to you seems best, and where you find errors in my official proceedings, as you certainly will, let the mantle of knightly charity obscure them from the public gaze, and charge them to the head and not the heart of your erring frater; and now I return to you the emblem of authority, which one year ago you placed in my humble hands, and with a deep sense of gratitude, I thank you for this expression of your fraternal love and confidence."

The Treasurer's report shows receipts of \$4,673.41; disbursements of \$3,732.64.

The Grand Recorder's report shows membership of 1882; gain for the year, 171.

After the report of the Committee on Templar Law, Grand Commandery adjourned until nine o'clock the following morning.

The first business of the second day was an ovation tendered to R. E. Sir E. G. DeLap, and it is worthy of reproduction.

"One of the greatest demonstrations of love and esteem ever witnessed on the floor of the Grand Commandery was extended to R. E. Sir Enoch George DeLap, when the following resolution, offered by Sir Knight Louis A. Benoist, was, on motion, unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

CLARKSDALE, MISS., May 16, 1911.

Whereas, our much beloved and faithful Brother DeLap has been in the harness as Reporter or Correspondent for the past thirty years, and has served this body in that capacity faithfully and exceedingly ably, and as his term of life in the course of nature is nearing its close, and as an evidence of our love and appreciation, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Sir Knight DeLap be and is hereby elected to the office of Reporter, which he now holds, so long as he is able to perform its duties and "behaves himself."

After the resolution was declared adopted by the Right Eminent the Grand Commander, our venerable and beloved Sir Knight DeLap arose to respond, but was compelled to wait some time until the demonstration of his brother fraters had ceased. In the meantime, being so overcome with emotion, he could simply respond, "Sir Knights, I thank you," which brief but simple expression evinced the fact that the great heart of him, whom the Sir Knights delighted to honor, was filled to overflowing with love and gratitude to all. That his life and services may be spared many, many years to come, is the sincere wish of his brother Soldiers of the Temple everywhere dispersed."

The election of officers resulted in the election of Sir Edwin J. Martin, Grand Commander; Grand Recorder, Sir Oliver L. McKay.

After passing resolution of thanks to R. E. Grand Com-

mander John S. Brooks for his impartial and zealous services as Grand Commander during the year, Grand Commandery was adjourned.

The Report on Correspondence is from that distinguished Frater, E. G. DeLap, and like all others that have preceded it, it is worthy of perusal and contains much that would interest, amuse and instruct its readers. It opens with a Prologue and ends with an Epilogue. We quote from the Prologue:

"I have tried to make a report that will interest, entertain and, possibly, instruct you, and hope you will read and like it.

"The Order is in excellent shape all over the world. Nothing disturbs its peace and quiet to any considerable extent. Something has been said, occasionally, in regard to the eligibility of Companions of the Unitarian belief, and I have intended to make a few remarks on the subject and would have done so had my dear Fred stayed with us, but I have no heart for it now. In my opinion an orthodox Jew is just as much entitled to the Orders as is a Unitarian."

Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous mention with two pages, and in the same he calls the address of R. E. Sir Burnham a "corker from Corkertown." He calls our Report on Correspondence "a finished ashler," which "contains a mint of information that the brethren of that bailiwick should read and appreciate." He also says, "But they won't do it, more's the pity," and says further that it has always been a matter of surprise to him "why a man will sit down and read 'Monte Cristo,' 'A Thousand Nights and One Night,' 'Pudd'nhead Wilson,' 'Tom Sawyer,' 'Huckleberry Finn' and such works as these by the hour, while the classical interesting reports lie on their tables, untouched and unread."

R. E. Sir Edwin J. Martin, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Oliver L. McKay, Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir E. G. DeLap, Correspondent.

The Fifty-second Annual Conclave to be held in Jackson, on date to be named by the Grand Commander.

MISSOURI, 1911

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave held in the city of Excelsior Springs, Tuesday, May 23, 1911. All of the Grand Officers present.

The opening of the Conclave was preceded by a parade. Following the dismissal of the parade column, Grand Commandery repaired to the Auditorium where the Conclave was to be held. The Grand Commander, R. E. Sir William F. Kuhn assuming his official position, ordered the several ceremonies provided in the ritual for opening a Commandery, following them with formation of the lines for inspection and review, this completing the first day's session.

May 24th, promptly at nine o'clock Grand Commandery was opened in due and regular form and invocation was offered to Deity by the Grand Prelate, Sir John H. Miller.

The Committee on Credentials having reported a sufficient number of representatives of subordinate Commanderies being present, the Grand Commander delivered his address. This commences with a review of the formation of Grand Commandery fifty-one years ago. The address contains much that is interesting and conclusively shows that Em. Sir Kuhn faithfully fulfilled the duties of his office. He granted many dispensations, all of which were in keeping with constitutional law. We quote from his address the following:

"The past year will stand as the most prosperous year for Christian Masonry in the fifty years of the life of our Grand Commandery. The number Knighted in 1910 was 593, thus together with reinstatements and affiliations making a gross gain of 747."

He also reports that at this Conclave he was able to say that all bills were paid, that Grand Commandery is out of debt with a good balance in the treasury; that the condition of the Order is excellent, and was never better. He also says that the weak spots in the Order are, "First, too many small Commanderies; second, poor equipment of officers and paraphernalia, and third, too many old barnacles," and that Grand

Commandery had about ten more Commanderies than the Jurisdiction could support. He also believes in giving the young man a chance and is of the belief that "old barnacles hang on and impede the progress of the Order," saying they are veritable "Old Men of the Sea, sitting astride the Commander's neck and refuse to be moved, and if this class of barnacles is scraped off, they sulk like a child, get mad, 'take their dishes and go home,' there to grumble and growl about the young fellow trying to run things."

The report of the Grand Recorder shows a total membership December 31, 1910, of 6,535, a net gain for the year of 414. The number of chartered Commanderies, 62.

The Grand Treasurer reports that with balance on hand he had received a total of \$20,100.91; disbursements, as per vouchers, \$9,465.10, leaving balance on hand of \$10,635.81.

The report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances showed that the Order is in good condition, as nothing had been presented to them for their consideration.

The volume contains a report on Necrology, which pays fitting tribute to the memory of their own and the deceased Fraters of sister Grand Jurisdictions.

E. Sir Bert S. Lee was elected Grand Commander and E. Sir Robert F. Stevenson continued as Grand Recorder. We note that the installation of officers was performed by R. E. Sir Gib W. Carson, who is our representative near the Grand Commandery of Missouri, assisted by our well-known Frater R. E. Sir John R. Parson, Past Grand Commander, acting as Marshal. R. E. Sir Kuhn was the recipient of a Past Grand Commander's jewel.

The report on Correspondence is by R. E. Sir W. P. Rickart, and occupies 100 pages of the Proceedings. While he says that portions of the report were written during seven weeks' confinement in a sick room and he was unable to present it complete at the Annual Conclave, from the reading of same we can only say that he faithfully performed the duty assigned him and that the report is a finished ashlar and worthy the pen of the writer. Massachusetts and Rhode Island received courteous attention of two pages.

R.:E.:Sir Bert S. Lee, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir Robert F. Stevenson, Grand Recorder.

E.:Sir W. P. Rickart continued as Correspondent.

The Fifty-first Annual Conclave to be held in Cape Girardeau, May 28th and 29th, 1912.

MONTANA, 1910

The Twenty-third Annual Conclave, held in the Asylum of Helena Commandery, No. 2, in the city of Helena, Monday, September 19, 1910. The Conclave was opened promptly at 9.00 o'clock and the record shows that it was the first time in years that Grand Commandery was opened on time.

Grand Commandery officers were escorted from their headquarters at the Grandon Hotel by Helena Commandery, No. 2, supplemented by representatives from constituent Commanderies to the Asylum, and Grand Commandery was opened in ample form.

From the report of the Credential Committee we find that all the Grand Officers were present, the representatives of the chartered Commanderies, representatives of eighteen sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we are pleased to note R.:E.:Sir Joseph J. Hindson, representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Grand Commander then presented his Annual Address, which is a comprehensive and readable document and gives conclusive evidence that he was fully aware of the duties incumbent upon him, and that he thoroughly and faithfully looked after the interests of the Order in that Jurisdiction. Among his official acts was the constituting of Lewistown Commandery at Lewistown. Regarding the observance by the Commanderies of Ascension Day, he says that he cannot commend too highly the custom that has grown up among the Knight Templars of the United States in the observing the Christmas Toast, and that the Ascension Day services were generally observed by all the Commanderies.

Among his recommendations was one that the Recorders of subordinate Commanderies be instructed to give a detailed report of the number of old uniforms still in use, as well as

the number of Sir Knights not having uniforms or coats, and advise Grand Commandery in yearly reports. He also recommends in the formation of the new Commanderies that the names of persons who have been illustrious in the Order be selected instead of towns. He recommends that a Templar Funeral Service be adopted for the burial of Sir Knights if they so desire.

The Grand Recorder's report is a faithful review of the transactions of his office during the year, in which he states that most of the Commanderies made returns and paid dues promptly, and that a large gain was reported. Present membership of Commanderies in the Jurisdiction, 995; gain of 93.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances was pleased to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction. Nothing had been placed before them for their consideration.

At the close of the Conclave the work of the Order of the Temple was exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The Report on Correspondence is by Em.:Sir Edward C. Day, 103 pages being devoted to the same, in which he expresses his pleasure in presenting the Report on Correspondence, trusting it would give as much pleasure and profit to those reading it as he had derived from compiling and preparing it. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously reviewed, three pages being devoted to the same. He quotes liberally from the report of R.:E.:Sir Munroe and the Proceedings of 1909. We quote his conclusion:

"The valiant and magnanimous Orders of the Temple and of Malta, as practised under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, starts out upon a new era, rich in traditions, strong in the personnel of their officers and members, and charged with the promulgation of the great message of salvation to fallen man. Let us as constituent members thereof resolve to do well our part, tho' narrow and insignificant seem the field of our influence."

From reading the review we are impressed with the information contained therein and congratulate him upon the good work he has performed.

R.:E.:Sir T. B. Miller, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir Cornelius Hedges, Jr., re-elected Grand Recorder.

E.:Sir Edward C. Day, re-appointed Correspondent.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Great Falls, Wednesday, June 28, 1911.

NEBRASKA, 1911

The volume before us is in style and binding like the previous issues from this Grand Jurisdiction and opens with a splendid Bather portrait of Noah M. Ryan, Grand Commander.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Conclave was opened in the Asylum of Mount Calvary Commandery, in the city of Omaha, Thursday, April 27, 1911, all of the Grand Officers present, and representatives from twenty-three of the twenty-eight chartered Commanderies and a visiting committee from Sharon Commandery, U. D.

The first business was the reception of V.:E.:Sir Jehiel W. Chamberlin, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment and Representative of the Grand Master, and R.:E.:Sir George A. Pettigrew, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of South Dakota, who were received and duly welcomed.

The address of the Grand Commander contains a record of the transactions of his office during the year, in which he pays fitting tribute to the memory of the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. His dispensations were few in number and all for constitutional purposes.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts, with balance on hand, \$7,352.04, and expenditures, \$3,405.84.

The Grand Recorder reports membership February 28, 1911, of 2,511, a net gain of 67.

The business of the Conclave was of a routine nature and of much interest to the Jurisdiction.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from our mutual friend and co-worker Francis E. White, and like all others that emanate from his pen is a finished and readable document, containing much that we should like to excerpt, but have to forego the pleasure. Massachusetts and Rhode

Island is courteously reviewed with two pages. He says the address of R.:E.:Sir Burnham is a full and complete record of duty well and faithfully performed. He says of our Report on Correspondence that it is "first-class material, wherein the principal transactions of other Grand Commanderies are noted." He also says we "do not enter into discussions of any important questions, probably for the reason that there is but little that is disturbing the minds of the Mutuals."

R.:E.:Sir Gustave Anderson, Grand Commander.

R.:E.:Sir Francis E. White, re-elected Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The next Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Omaha on the second Thursday after Easter.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1910

The Sixty-third Annual Conclave, held in the Asylum of Mount Horeb Commandery, in the city of Concord, September 27, 1910.

All the Grand Officers were present, Em.:Sir Harry M. Cheney, Acting Grand Recorder, the former Grand Recorder having deceased during the interim; twelve Past Grand Commanders, the representatives of twenty-six sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we fail to find the representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Grand Commandery was opened in ample form; the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by Em.:and Rev. Sir Knight Joseph E. Robins, D.D., Grand Prelate.

The first business was the appointment of the Standing Committees, followed by the address of Rt.:Em.:Sir Stephen S. Jewett. He pays fitting tribute to the departed fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions, making especial mention of the deaths of Past Grand Masters Gobin and Rugg, also Frank Dana Woodbury, Grand Recorder of New Hampshire, who died in November, 1909.

His decisions were many, but all in accordance with constitutional law.

The Grand Recorder's report shows eleven Commanderies

on the roll; ten Commanderies represented; present membership, 2,650, an increase of 47.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer we find that his receipts with balance on hand amount to \$4,173.39; expenditures, \$1,857.18, leaving balance on hand of \$2,316.21.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Em. Sir Joseph E. Robins, Chairman, who reports for the Committee. The report covers 125 pages and 41 Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention with five pages. Your correspondent is flatteringly remembered, as he refers to us as a "finished workman," and we take off our hat to him for this meed of praise.

R. E. Sir Stephen S. Jewett, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Harry M. Cheney, Grand Recorder.

E. Sir Joseph E. Robins, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Conclave to be held in Concord, Tuesday, September 26, 1911.

NEW JERSEY, 1911

The Fifty-first Annual Conclave held at Trenton, May 9, 1911.

The volume opens with a splendid likeness of R. E. Sir Charles J. Hazard.

Grand Commandery was opened in ample form at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all the Grand Officers present, fourteen Past Grand Commanders, and twenty-seven Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find R. E. Sir William H. Seabring, Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

After the reading of the Minutes the first business was the reception of R. E. Sir William W. Allen, Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania and Representative of the M. E. Grand Master, who was received and cordially welcomed.

The Grand Commander's Address follows, which is a well written document and contains much of local interest. Dispersations were numerous and all for constitutional causes.

The address contains fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Following the address the Grand Representatives present were cordially welcomed by Em. Sir and Rev. George C. Maddock, who was called to preside. R. E. Sir I. Layton, Register, acting for his associate Representatives, introduced them as follows:

"It is with unusual pleasure that we bring you the greetings of sister jurisdictions this year, because the Grand Commandery of New Jersey has so recently celebrated, with great enthusiasm, the crowning event in its history, in which it was the privilege of other jurisdictions, through their visiting officers and grand representatives, to participate, the echoes of which are still reverberating throughout the land. The Templars of New Jersey can be justly proud of what has been accomplished by this grand body in its first half century. The past and the future of our beloved Order are inseparably joined. The past is enshrined in our hearts, the future rests upon a sure foundation.

"While it is a joy to thus mingle happily together, and renew, on these stated occasions, the enduring bonds of friendship, cemented with time's tender memories, yet we are reminded year by year, and now again, by the draped chairs before us, that the dread messenger who spares none has taken from our ranks three of your grand representatives. Truly, we are all under the sentence of death, with an indefinite reprieve. Life's a battle field, where the fatal missiles are whistling about our ears. Watch, therefore, and be ready for the fateful day, like Christian soldiers.

"Two of these valiant Knights of the Temple were present at our jubilee a year ago, one acting as Grand Marshal at the public installation. Each one filled his mission in life without pretense. Souls like theirs, occupied with noble aspirations, perform every duty without constraint. How beautiful to say of them and to say for the living as well:

"When I am dead, if men can say,
 'He helped the world upon its way;
 With all his faults of word and deed,
 Mankind did have some little need
 Of what he gave.' Then in my grave
 No greater honor shall I crave."

To which the Rev. George C. Maddock responded.

The Grand Treasurer reported receipts of \$5,571.56; expenditures of \$4,109.28.

The Grand Recorder's report shows membership of 3,270, a net gain for the year of 95.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

"Resolved, in granting waiver of jurisdiction it shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members present," which resolution was amended to read a "majority vote of all members present on an unrejected candidate and a three-fourths vote of all the members present on a rejected candidate."

(Does this conflict with Section 154 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment?)

Among the many pleasant occurrences was the presentation of a silver loving cup to R.E.Sir I. Layton Register, Chairman of the Semi-Centennial Committee.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals by their report show that the Order was in splendid condition by finding nothing to act upon.

The Committee on Necrology rendered the following report:

"Your Committee on Necrology beg to submit the following report, and in compiling same are appalled at the large number of Valiant Warriors who have laid aside their armor, answered to the sound of Assembly, and passed through the portals of the West gate into the City of Rest. It would fill volumes were we to make special mention of each one and it would be a task well nigh impossible, but we desire to say that not one, either from this or our sister Grand Jurisdictions, have gone hence but that memorial has been set apart to their memory. Therefore we condense our report by noting in this report that 59 Sir Knights have passed away in our own jurisdiction since the last Annual Conclave, prominent among them Past Grand Commanders John J. Henry, James McCain and Herman H. Mithoefer. In our sister Jurisdiction there have been 41 taken from the midst of busy workers in our Master's vineyard, of which our beloved order is a very significant part. One of which had filled and one who was filling at the time of his summons the high office of Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A., namely John P. S. Gobin and Henry Warren Rugg, respect-

ively. The 41 mentioned does not compose the entire number of our sister Grand Jurisdiction, only those who were prominent in office. The others were no less arduous workers in the vineyard. The vast army who have passed on before us admonish us that we be also ready for we know not when the Son of Man cometh, be it morning, noon or night."

R.E.Sir I. Layton Register, Past Grand Commander, assisted by R.E.Sir Bertholf, P.G.C., installed the Grand Officers elect, and invested them with the jewels of their office, after which Grand Commandery adjourned.

The report on Correspondence is by R.E.Sir Peter McGill and occupies 135 pages of the Proceedings, in which he reviews 42 Grand Jurisdictions. The review is full of good things pleasant to read, and that he is a thorough master of his work is evidenced by this report. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous remembrance of four pages, in which he calls our report of 1910 a model one and says that "it tells everything that should be or could wish to be known." He says kind words about our Correspondence Report, for which he has our grateful acknowledgments.

Under the head of the "Mutuals" he quotes a poem delivered by Frater Robinson of Canada at the reunion of the Mutuals, and it is worthy of reproduction here.

THE PRINTER'S DEVIL

Every day this hideous "devil,"
Meaning nothing else but evil,
And with actions far from civil,
Makes his way in through my door,
Just as he has done before.

In he comes with horrid leering,
And I have to bear his jeering,
While his presence I am fearing,
And he asks for "copy — more,"
Just as he has asked before.

From the room I cannot clear him,
For he knows how much I fear him,
And whenever I go near him,
Still he answers as before,
"Give me copy — give me more."

Now my pet meerschaum he's smoking,
 And he thinks it right good joking,
 While his fun at me he's poking,
 With his back upon my table,
 And his feet against my door,
 And until he gets some "copy,"
 Move he will not, evermore.

"Take your form from out this shanty,"
 In rage I cry, "Now, won't ye? can't ye?
 Don't, O, don't stay here to tanta-
 Lize my bleeding heart so sore."
 Quoth the "devil," "Copy — more,"
 Just as he had quothed before.

Pity me then, each Reporter,
 For from him I'll get no quarter,
 And to make this sad tale shorter,
 The undersigned will write no more
 And thus I'll exorcise this bore.

The parody was by Thomas J. Corson, and when this manuscript got to the printing office, the "devil" thought it was not quite complete, so he added a stanza:

The last I saw of Dr. Corson
 (Nature seldom made a worse one),
 Was then I put an extra force on
 The fierce demands I'd made before,
 Which laid him prostrate near the door,
 Gasping as he struck the floor,
 "Here, here's your copy, come no more."

R.:E.:Sir John R. Contrell, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir John M. Wright, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E.:Sir Peter McGill continued as Correspondent.

The Fifty-second Annual Conclave to be held in May, 1912.

NEW MEXICO, 1910

The Tenth Annual Conclave, held in the Asylum of Rio Hondo Commandery, No. 6, at Roswell, October 21, 1910.

All of the Grand Officers were present with the exception of the Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Captain of the Guard.

Grand Commandery being duly opened, the Sir Knights were led in their devotions by the Grand Prelate E.:Sir John W. Murray.

The Grand Commander's Address contains much of local interest and is a well-written document.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts of \$1,161.63, and expenditures of \$540.41.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows present membership as 580, a gain for the year of 15.

The Committee on Finance reported a recommendation that the sum of \$50 be appropriated from the General Fund to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund.

The Committee on Grievances reported nothing had been presented to them for action.

The election of officers resulted in the election of Sir John W. Poe, Grand Commander, and Sir Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Recorder. At the conclusion of the election, Past Commander's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Commander, R.:E.:Sir James H. Wroth.

No Report on Correspondence.

R.:E.:Sir John W. Poe, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Recorder.

The Eleventh Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Albuquerque, Friday, October 20, 1911.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1911

The Thirty-first Annual Conclave was opened in the Asylum of Mount Lebanon Commandery, in the city of Wilson, May 10, 1911.

The first business was the reception of V.:E.:Sir Henry M. Boykin, of Richmond, Va., Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment, who was escorted through the lines and received and cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander.

The next business was the reception of sixteen Sir Knights from Palestine Commandery, U.D., who stated that the delegation had been sent by the Commandery as an earnest of the work done under their dispensation and to personally ask the Grand Commandery to grant them a charter.

The Committee on Credentials reported all the Grand Offi-

cers present with the exception of the Grand Commander, Grand Captain General and the Grand Prelate. There were present five Past Grand Commanders, the representatives of sixteen sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we fail to find the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

From the Grand Commander's address we learn that peace and harmony exist throughout the Jurisdiction. His dispensations were few and for constitutional purposes. We note he refused dispensation to ballot upon a Royal Arch candidate without laying over the statutory time, the reason given for asking the dispensation being that the Commandery met only twice a month and that it would be some time before they could act upon the petition, also that the candidate expected to leave in about a month to be absent for six months or more, and they had a candidate already elected waiting for another to make the team. The Grand Commander with good judgment refused to grant this, no doubt believing where a Commandery met twice a month the petitioner could avail himself of the regulations of the Commandery. He reports no decisions made during the year.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts of \$2,867.64; expenditures at \$1,393.08, with balance on hand of \$1,474.56, together with a Permanent Fund of \$1,111.78.

The Grand Recorder reports number of members as 1,201, a net gain for the year of 75.

Letters and telegrams of regret were received from the Grand Commander, Grand Captain General, and the Grand Inspector.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that a charter be granted to Palestine Commandery, U.D., at Fayetteville, and it was so ordered.

Among the resolutions as offered we quote the following:

"Resolved: That the Jurisprudence Committee be requested to prepare an amendment to the Statutes, or an additional Statute, which shall require the Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies to satisfy themselves once each year that the members of their Commanderies are in good standing in their respective Chapters and Lodges. This to be done either

by personal investigation of the Recorders, or by requiring each Sir Knight when paying annual dues to make a statement that he is in good standing or in any other manner which may commend itself to the Jurisprudence Committee and which will accomplish the end desired."

Which was adopted.

The report on Correspondence is by Em. Sir James Southgate and occupies 96 pages of the Proceedings. It is an interesting and valuable review of the various transactions of the Grand Jurisdictions and other matters contained in the volumes that have been presented to him, and is a readable document, like all previous reports of Frater Southgate, showing much study and careful review. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous mention, two pages being devoted to the same. He says of our last review that we used great care, using the scissors seldom, but judiciously.

R. E. Sir William C. Brown, Grand Commander.

E. Sir James C. Munds, re-elected Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir James Southgate re-appointed as Correspondent.

The Thirty-second Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Raleigh, Wednesday, May 16, 1912.

NEW YORK, 1911

The Ninety-eighth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Watertown, N.Y., June 20 and 21, 1911.

Grand Commandery was duly opened in Masonic Temple at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Calling the roll of members all the Grand Officers were found to be present excepting the Grand Prelate and Grand Sword Bearer; fourteen Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives of the 69 constituent Commanderies.

The first business after the appointment of committees was the welcome to Grand Commandery and the Sir Knights by the Hon. Francis M. Hugo, Mayor of the city of Watertown, to which the Grand Commander responded.

Among the distinguished guests was V. E. Sir Frederick

C. Thayer, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment, who was duly welcomed and responded. Sir Knight Arthur MacArthur, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was also presented and duly welcomed and responded in his usual able manner.

The representatives of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of New York were then introduced and duly welcomed, twenty-four being present, but among them we fail to find the representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Grand Commander then delivered his annual address, which is an able document and faithfully portrays the transactions of his office during his incumbency. His dispensations were many, but all for constitutional purposes.

The Grand Recorder's report shows membership of 21,137, a net gain of 595.

The Committee on Necrology made an extended report, in which the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions received due attention.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that no business had been presented for their consideration.

Among the pleasing incidents of the session was the presentation of a loving cup to Rt. Em. Sir J. Carlisle Loudon, Grand Commander.

The resolution offered by Sir Knight William J. Maxwell that concurrent jurisdiction be given to the Commanderies throughout the state over candidates for the Orders of Knighthood, was laid upon the table for action at the next Annual Conclave.

The report on Correspondence is by a committee of which that distinguished writer John W. Jenkins is Chairman, and occupies 157 pages of the Proceedings. The review is a finished ashler and contains much that we should like to quote, but this being our last review for the year, and the printer is waiting, time forbids. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention with two pages, in which he says that the portrait of Grand Commander Burnham looks as though he was "the right man in the right place," and he surely was.

He calls our 1910 report an interesting one, for which he receives our best bow.

Rt. Em. Sir Guy W. Shoemaker, Grand Commander.

Em. Sir John H. Bonnington, Grand Recorder.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Conclave will be held in the city of Elmira on the third Tuesday in June, 1912.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts with balance on hand of \$37,025.22; disbursements, \$21,247.26.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1911

The Twenty-second Annual Conclave held at Fargo, April 25 and 26, 1911.

All of the Grand Officers present, ten Past Grand Commanders and the representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

The roll being called and a constitutional number of subordinate Commanderies found to be represented, Grand Commandery was opened in ample form, the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by Em. Sir John K. Burleson, Grand Prelate.

The Grand Commander's address sets forth in concise form the transactions of his office, and he also pays fitting tribute to the memory of the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. The volume contains a splendid half-tone likeness of our own Past Grand Commander and the Past Grand Master Henry Warren Rugg. His dispensations were few in number and all were in accordance with constitutional law. He also reports that no decisions had been made by him during the year, which shows conclusively that the Jurisdiction is well disciplined and in good hands.

The volume also contains a full report of the Triennial Conclave at Chicago.

The Grand Commander also comments at length upon voting upon applications, and it is worthy of perusal and we excerpt the same:

"The reason for voting adversely upon an application should be brought out clearly in the minds of all Knights Templar. The standard of men admitted to our Order should be high;

that is, every man admitted should be a man of character. A chain is as strong as its weakest link, therefore no man should knowingly vote for the reception of a man who is a notoriously bad man, immoral or otherwise. A committee appointed to examine into the reputation of a man making application should not hesitate to withhold its endorsement of the application, provided that adequate cause be found to indicate that the man applying would not bring credit to the Order of Knighthood. But there is also another thought that should be brought out at this time. Sometimes a man of character will be rejected by a Commandery when all reports have been favorable. The point is: Is this always because some individual member knows something which is derogatory to the character of the man applying; or is it because personal spite, or fear of a business competitor within the Asylum, prompts the action? No Knight Templar who regards his solemn "declaration" as it should be regarded would reject the application of any man of character. When such a thing is done by reason of some grudge of long standing, or for fear that the man in the same line of business will get some of our trade from "the boys," Knighthood has lost its meaning for the one so voting. Personal feeling must be dissolved in those higher Christian virtues which our Order strives to inculcate.

"The only man who should be rejected by any Commandery is the man who has grossly used his powers in this world, and has not begun to make himself fit for the Eternal Asylum 'from which no traveler e'er returns.'"

He also says that the best and quickest way to secure a good Commandery is to have conscientious officers in the chairs, and says that no man should be allowed to hold any office in any Commandery until he is able to do the work of the office he is elected to fill, which seems to us to be very good sense.

Among his recommendations is one that Grand Commandery unite with the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of North Dakota in erecting a monument to the memory of the late Grand Recorder Frank Jared Thompson, and recommends that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for that purpose. He also recommends that the Grand Commandery take action in the matter of the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund. In conclusion he takes occasion to congratulate Grand Commandery upon the great

efficiency and usefulness of the system of inspection practices under this direction, and says he is satisfied that in no other jurisdiction is the uniformity of the work surpassed or the general proficiency in its practice exceeded.

At 12.30 the Grand Commandery adjourned to participate in the exercises in connection with the unveiling of the Frank Jared Thompson monument.

The Afternoon Session was called to order at 4.30 p.m.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts of \$4,023.72.

The Grand Recorder reported membership on December 31, 1910, as 1,300, a net gain for the year of 90.

In this jurisdiction they have a Committee on Charity, who made a report on Christmas Offering in which they state:

"Your Committee desires especially to emphasize that in this day when there is so much want and suffering in the world that we as Knights Templar should show forth in our acts that we feel in our hearts the real significance of the teachings of this magnanimous Order."

The Representatives from sister Grand Jurisdictions were received and cordially welcomed by the R.:E.:Grand Commander.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir Walter L. Stockwell, and is his first effort and it is needless to say that it is equal to and as full of good things as any that have come under our review, and we welcome him to the list of the Mutuels. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention, and he regards Grand Commander Burnham's address, that part of it relating to "Passing over the River," of sufficient beauty to warrant reproducing.

R.:E.:Sir William Spriggs, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The Conclave of 1912 will be held in the city of Dickinson, some time in April, as near the first Tuesday after Easter as practical.

OHIO, 1910

The Sixty-eighth Annual Conclave, held in Masonic Temple, Marietta, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 12, 1910.

This beautiful volume, like all others that emanate from this Grand Jurisdiction, is a credit to the Grand Recorder. The volume opens with a splendid likeness of Most Eminent Sir William B. Melish, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, also contains a half-tone group of many other officers of the Grand Encampment.

Previous to the opening of Grand Commandery, the officers and members thereof were escorted from the headquarters at Bellevue Hotel by Marietta Commandery, No. 50, Athens Commandery, No. 15, and Cambridge Commandery, No. 47, of Ohio, and Calvary Commandery, No. 3, and Mounted Commandery, No. 14, of West Virginia, to the Masonic Temple.

All of the Grand Officers were announced as present, and after devotional services conducted by Sir Knight Rt. Rev. John M. Walden, Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery was declared open for business.

Welcome address was made by Sir Knight Charles F. Leeper, Past Commander of Marietta Commandery, No. 50, Mayor of the city, in behalf of the citizens of Marietta.

The annual address of the Grand Commander followed, which is preceded by a portrait of R. E. Sir Charles F. Henry. The address contains fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Among his recommendations is one relating to life membership, which we quote.

"In the matter of Life Membership elsewhere referred to, and for reasons stated, I recommend that this Grand Commandery enact a requirement that the sum of \$100 be fixed as that for which Life Membership may be obtained in the Commanderies of Ohio. Cases have been noted where Commanderies evade the spirit of the law of the Grand Encampment by making the fixed sum so low that it becomes of no real value to the Commandery. Some Commanderies are embarrassed for funds because many of their older members are exempt from payment of dues. I am strongly of the

opinion that the honor of being a member of any Commandery in Ohio is well worth the annual dues required by it, and should there arise a case where the payment of such amount would be a burden, I have every reason to believe that such case would be treated in that magnanimous spirit so strongly inculcated by the Order, and that the dues of such member would be willingly remitted by the Commandery. This enactment would work no hardship upon any Sir Knight and would make safe the best interests of the Commanderies."

On the State of the Order, he reports that there is every reason for congratulation upon its condition; that universal harmony prevails and that every Commandery is a live unit, striving for that perfection of detail for which Ohio Commanderies are noted.

His dispensations were many and in accordance with constitutional law. Dispensations were refused where no authority was conferred by the Statutes and Regulations.

Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 64, situated at Cleveland, was constituted and reported in excellent condition.

From the conclusion of his address we excerpt the following:

"If real happiness be found only in serving others, and I believe that this is true, then I have been rewarded beyond the power of man to express. What I have done for you has been in the spirit of true love for you all, and for the institution which has become such a part of my life and endeavor."

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts of \$17,201.96; disbursements of \$12,900.53.

The Grand Recorder reports a membership of 15,055, a gain for the year of 641.

The Committee on Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment reports an appropriation of \$3,000.00 and expenditure of \$2,870.41.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that no complaint or grievance had been submitted to them and congratulate Grand Commandery that peace, harmony and fraternal good-will prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

On calling the roll of Grand Representatives there were found to be present twenty-four, the Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island being absent.

The election of officers resulted in the election of R. E. Sir J. Russell Johnson, Grand Commander. Em. Sir John Nelson Bell, re-elected Grand Recorder. The officers were installed into their respective stations by M. E. Sir Knight William B. Melish, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, assisted by R. E. Sir Charles F. Henry, the retiring Grand Commander.

The report on Correspondence is by Em. Sir John N. Bell, chairman, occupying one hundred and sixteen pages of the volume. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention, three pages being devoted to the same.

R. E. Sir J. Russell Johnson, Grand Commander.

E. Sir John Nelson Bell, Grand Recorder and Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

The Sixty-ninth Conclave to be held in the city of Dayton, October 11, 1911.

OKLAHOMA, 1911

The Sixteenth Annual Conclave, held in the Asylum of Oklahoma Commandery, No. 2, in Oklahoma City, February 21, 1911. All of the Grand Officers present, nine Past Grand Commanders and the Representatives of the constituent Commanderies.

The first business was the Report of the Committee on Credentials, after which Rt. Em. Sir D. Fuller, Grand Commander of Indian Territory, was presented and escorted to a seat at the right of the Grand Commander.

The address of the Grand Commander is a faithful exhibit of the transactions of his office during the year, in which he pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. He made but few decisions, all of which were in accordance with constitutional law. He granted two dispensations to ballot upon petitions out of statutory time. He reports constitution of four new Com-

manderies: one at Taloga, Okla., one at Alva, Okla., one at Foraker and one at Pawhuska, Okla. Among his recommendations we find one that a Triennial Committee of three Sir Knights be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for attending the Thirty-second Triennial Conclave at Denver, also that an assessment of 25 cents for each Sir Knight on the rolls of the subordinate Commanderies be made annually, and that the sum of \$50 be donated to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund. In his conclusion he pays fitting tribute to the worth and services of Grand Recorder Spencer.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows total membership January 1, 1911, 1,235, a net increase of 143.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows receipts of \$3,088.52; balance on hand of \$1,208.47.

The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals shows that the affairs of this Jurisdiction were in commendable shape, as they had had nothing referred to them for action.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Em. Sir Walter C. Pierce for the Committee, who reviews the Proceedings of 45 Grand Jurisdictions and those of Canada, England, and the Grand Encampment, occupying 65 pages of the Proceedings. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receive courteous attention, in which he says that the address of Grand Commander Burnham shows he was most conscientious in the discharge of the official duties of his position. He calls our report a carefully prepared and accurate review of the Proceedings of forty-three Grand Jurisdictions, for which he has our grateful acknowledgments.

R. E. Sir John R. Hamill, Grand Commander.

E. Sir George W. Spencer, Grand Recorder.

E. Sir Walter C. Pierce, Correspondent.

The Seventeenth Annual Conclave to be held in Oklahoma City the first Tuesday after the third Monday, February, 1912.

OREGON, 1910

The Twenty-fourth Annual Conclave, held at Salem, September 22, 1910. Preliminary to the opening of Grand Com-

mandery the Grand Officers and members of Grand Commandery were met at the depot by a Reception Committee and the Sir Knights of DeMolay Commandery, No. 5, and escorted to State Street, where the Commanderies were inspected by the Grand Commander and an inspection drill given by the Drill Corps of Oregon Commandery, No. 1. The Officers and Sir Knights then repaired to the Asylum of DeMolay Commandery, No. 5, when the Grand Commandery was opened in ample form, the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by Sir David P. Mason, Acting Grand Prelate.

All of the Grand Officers were present, nine Past Grand Commanders and the representatives of the subordinate Commanderies. Representatives of twenty sister Grand Commanderies were present, among whom we are pleased to note Rt. Em. Sir Frank A. Moore, representing Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Grand Commander Taylor then delivered his address, in which he pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. We excerpt from his opening:

"It is ninety-four years since the standard of Christian Knight-hood, as represented by our Order, was first planted upon American soil — almost a century — and in the marvelous moral and civic achievements of that period the deeds of the men who have proudly worn the black and white are written large. Not written where the world can see, but upon the silent tablets of Him who charged that the deeds of the right hand should be hidden from the left hand. Matchless as has been the material development of our country, its influence upon the world springs not therefrom, but rather from the exalted character of its citizenship, its concrete faith in Almighty God, and in that Christ who exalted the lowly and ministered to the needs of men.

"These are the basic tenets of our Fraternity. Whether we can claim with historic justice to be the legitimate successors of the Knights of the Temple in the middle ages is of small importance. The fact is indisputable that the lofty sentiments which inspired the Christian chivalry of the Crusades is the vital spark which energizes the brotherhood of man in our age and time."

Under Dispensations he says that during his term of office he has received a number of requests to receive petitions and act upon the same in less than statutory time. Some of the requests he denied, others he granted, claiming this was done where he felt the welfare of the Order would justify him in so doing. Application for dispensation for a Commandery to be located in the city of Roseburg, under the name of Laurel Commandery, was referred back under Resolution of 1908, which states that hereafter all new Commanderies shall bear names peculiar to the Order. The application was supplemented later by recommendation that the Commandery be called Ascalon Commandery. In the report of the Committee on Grand Commander's Address the granting of the dispensation was approved.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows receipts of \$4,964.81; expenditures of \$1,083.71; leaving a balance on hand of \$3,881.10.

The Grand Recorder's report shows the number of chartered Commanderies thirteen; under Dispensation, one. The number of members is 1,307.

Petition was received for a new Commandery to be located at Portland, but being deficient in not being accompanied by the dimitts of the signers, was ruled not in form.

The report of the Committee on Grievances exhibits the fact that the Order in the state was in a prosperous condition, as they find nothing for the Committee to act upon.

Among other things we note that Grand Commandery voted that a special assessment of 25 cents per member per year be continued for the next three years for the purpose of accumulating a fund for the Triennial expenses of the Grand Commandery at the next Triennial Meeting of the Grand Encampment.

The Committee on Correspondence made no report, owing to the illness of Sir J. M. Hodson, he being unable to attend to the same.

R. E. Sir William A. Cleland, Grand Commander.

E. Sir James F. Robinson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Sir J. M. Hodson, re-appointed Committee on Correspondence.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of The Dalles, on the fourth Thursday of September, 1911.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1911

The Fifty-eighth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Williamsport, May 23 and 24, 1911.

Previous to the opening of Grand Commandery the Annual Review and Parade took place at ten o'clock, May 23d.

In opening Grand Commandery, Hon. Charles D. Wolfe, Mayor of the City of Williamsport delivered an address to those present. All of the Grand Officers were reported as present, fifteen Past Grand Commanders and 31 Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, but among them we do not find the representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The distinguished guests present included V.E. Sir Lee S. Smith, Grand Captain-General of the Grand Encampment, and personal representative of the Grand Master, M.E. Sir Warren LaRue Thomas, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and V.E. Sir Guy W. Shoemaker, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, who were received and duly welcomed.

The Grand Commander's address was then delivered and contains much of local interest and is conclusive evidence that he was fully equal to the duties of his office. His dispensations were many, but all for constitutional causes. Among the dispensations refused was one to a Commandery to appear in full Templar uniform to attend a "Billy Sunday" evangelistic meeting, he stating that it was not to be considered a divine service by the Code of Statutes. Also one to a Commandery to change the date of their fixed Conclave, he stating that the Constitution recognized the By-Laws of all Commanderies as the sole regulation of times of Conclaves, and not subject to dispensing power.

He also recommended that the sum of \$500 be donated to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund.

The Grand Treasurer reported total receipts of \$23,819.73; disbursements of \$17,426.32.

The Grand Recorder reported membership 21,517, a gain for the year of 635.

The column also contains memorials to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Among the business transacted was an amendment to the Constitution that the compensation of the Grand Recorder shall be the annual sum of \$1500, which was unanimously adopted.

M.E. Sir Warren LaRue Thomas, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States was created an Honorary Member and a suitable jewel ordered to be presented to him.

The report on Correspondence is by Lee S. Smith, who reviews 48 Grand Jurisdictions, including Canada, England and Wales and the Grand Encampment. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention of two pages, in which he criticises our calling our report by the old name of "Foreign," which he says has been abandoned by nearly all the Correspondents. He calls our report carefully prepared, but gives but little for the reviewer to criticise or comment upon. He also pays us the compliment of quoting our statistical tables of Grand Commanderies of the Order and Numerical Standing of Grand Commanderies in the United States, and concludes his report with a memorial of our dear departed Frater and Correspondent, John Corson Smith.

R.E. Sir Herman Junker, Grand Commander.

R.E. Sir William W. Allen, re-elected Grand Recorder.

R.E. Sir Lee S. Smith, re-appointed Committee on Correspondence.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Conclave will be held in the city of Pittsburgh, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28 and 29, 1912.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1910

The Fourth Annual Conclave was held in Greenville, Wednesday, February 9, 1910.

Grand Commandery opened in ample form, and at roll-call all of the Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand

Captain of the Guard and Grand Treasurer, responded, representatives of all the constituent Commanderies being present.

R. E. Sir Buist addressed the Grand Body, calling attention to the fact when the roll was called of the absence from this Annual Conclave of the only Past Grand Commander of the Jurisdiction, referring to R. E. Sir Jacob Thomas Barron, who but for ill health would have been with them to assist with his counsel and advice, and recommended that a loving message, as a mark of esteem, be forwarded to him, which was forwarded as follows:

"JACOB T. BARRON, ESQ.,
Past Grand Commander,
Talford Hotel, White Springs, Fla.

"Your Fraters regret your absence. They miss you and also your counsel and advice. They send kind greetings and pray for your restoration to good health.

SAMUEL S. BUIST,
Grand Commander."

This distinguished Frater was even then being prepared for the Great Beyond. The Grand Treasurer was also absent on account of severe illness, but was reported as slowly recovering.

The next business was the reception of the Grand Representatives, twenty-one being reported as being present, among whom we fail to find the representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The several representatives were duly welcomed with instructions to convey to the several Grand Bodies which they represented, the fraternal greetings and best wishes of Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander's address contains much information relative to the condition of the Rite and other local matters. He also reports that dispensation had been granted to one Commandery to waive the usual time. His decisions were few and in accordance with constitutional requirements. Among them we note the following, which we quote:

"If the dimit is beyond the six months he is not in good standing, but if it is not six months old, he is in good standing,

and at the expiration of the six months, it is the duty of the Commandery upon reasonable notice, to prefer charges, and summon the Sir Knight to show cause why he should not be dropped from the roll, every Knight Templar having a right to be heard before he can be deprived of his Templar privileges and given the right to reaffiliate with such body from which he has taken his dimit."

He pays fitting tribute to our dear friend and fellow-Recorder, Sir John M. Diven, as follows:

"When in conference with my distinguished predecessor, at the organization of this Grand Body, it was my privilege and pleasure to suggest, as Grand Recorder, the present incumbent, who, ever since he left the Empire State has been identified with us Masonically and otherwise, and by his courteous manners and obliging disposition has won for himself high esteem and a warm place in our hearts. I therefore cannot leave this Grand Body without returning to him my thanks for the valuable services he has rendered me."

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts as \$1,830.26; disbursements, \$527.39; balance on hand, \$1,302.87.

The Grand Recorder's report shows membership of 1,201, a gain for the year of 111.

He also makes a report relative to Rituals in the possession of the Commanderies, stating that these Rituals are the property of the Grand Encampment and it holds the Grand Commandery responsible for them, and the Grand Commandery must in turn hold each constituent Commandery responsible for those in its possession.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommend that the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Whenever an elected candidate shall fail to present himself for the Orders of Knighthood within sixty days after being notified of favorable action upon his petition, but shall within six months after his election present himself, then the Commandery shall have the right to satisfy itself whether or not there was a reasonable excuse for the delay, and if, in its judgment, a reasonable excuse has not been presented, the election shall be annulled. If he fails to present himself within

six months, the election shall be annulled; it being within the power of the Commandery to determine whether or not the fee accompanying the petition shall be returned to the petitioner."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances report that complete harmony prevails throughout the ranks of Templarism in that Grand Jurisdiction, and nothing had been brought to the attention of the Committee for action.

The report of the Committee on Necrology pays due respect to the memory of the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The installation of the Grand Officers was performed by R. E. Sir Samuel S. Buist, E. Sir J. M. Diven acting as Grand Marshal.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir J. M. Diven, Massachusetts and Rhode Island receiving due attention in three pages. He expresses the wish to be informed why in this Jurisdiction the Committee on Credentials gives the full list of those entitled to a seat, marking those present with a star. For his information we would say that this method gives us a record of the attendance of the Officers and Representatives of each Commandery from year to year, and enables the Commanderies which they represent to ascertain just how their Representatives are attending to business. Sir Diven says that our report is beautifully and tastefully gotten up and is a credit to ourselves. We take our hat off to Frater Diven and thank him for his kind words.

R. E. Sir George T. Bryan, Grand Commander.

E. Sir John M. Diven, re-elected Grand Recorder and continued as Correspondent.

The Fifth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Charleston, February 8, 1911.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1910

The Twenty-seventh Annual Conclave held in the city of Pierre, Friday, June 17, 1910.

The volume opens with a Bather portrait of Charles Olin Bailey, Grand Commander.

Capital City Commandery, No. 21, and visiting Sir Knights, preceded by the Capital City Band, escorted the R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Officers and members of Grand Commandery from the Hotel Locke to the Asylum of Capital City Commandery, No. 21, in Masonic Temple, where the Grand Commandery was opened in ample form. All of the Grand Officers were present, the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by Rev. Sir M. F. Montgomery, the Grand Prelate.

The first business was the reception of R. E. Sir E. Olin Soule, Past Grand Commander of Iowa, who was escorted into the Asylum, where he was properly received and seated at the left of the R. E. Grand Commander.

The Committee on Credentials reported the representatives of the eighteen subordinate Commanderies, five Past Grand Commanders and the representatives of fifteen sister Grand Jurisdictions present, among whom we note Sir M. F. Montgomery, representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Conclave was dispensed with, as they had been approved as printed.

The lines were then formed and the Grand Recorder at the head of the line read the notice of the death of Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, Sir John P. S. Gobin.

The Grand Commander's address then followed. It contains much of local interest. He announced that a new Commandery had been constituted, Capital City Commandery, No. 21, located at Pierre, also Huston Commandery, No. 22, situated at Redfield. He pays fitting tribute to the deceased Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. He recommends the revocation of the charter of Battle Mountain Commandery, No. 15, for violation of Section 19, Title XII, of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment. He also states that during the year he has received numerous requests for dispensations to waive the time required by the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and in each instance he had refused to grant the same. His dispensations were few and in compliance with constitutional requirements. He also recommends that the date of the Annual Conclave be changed, as

the meeting of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery during the same week is burdensome, and should be changed. Another recommendation is that at future meetings of conclaves of Grand Commandery there be set apart a sufficient amount of time for the holding of a school of instruction in the tactics of the Jurisdiction, such a school to be conducted by the Grand Commander, or such officers or past officers of the Grand Commandery as the Grand Commander may designate for that duty.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows receipts of \$3,674.34; expenditures, \$1,576.30; leaving a balance on hand of \$2,098.04.

From the report of the Grand Recorder we find that the number of members is 1,539, a gain for the year of 135.

The report of the Committee on Templar Dead pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

That the condition of the Order in the Jurisdiction is commendable was shown by the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who could find nothing to report upon.

After the election and installation of the Grand Officers, the retiring Grand Commander presented the Grand Commander elect with a Grand Commander's jewel.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Sir Charles L. Brockway, in which he reviews the Proceedings of forty-one Grand Jurisdictions. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives favorable notice, in which he calls the report of your Grand Recorder "succinct," the "statistics in tabulated form from which any detail desired can be readily ascertained." He also says that the impression one gains in the examination of the Proceedings of our Jurisdiction is that Templary means very much to the Fraters and that there is a disposition to get the best out of it by putting the best thought, energy and enthusiasm into it by each one. The influence of this Grand Commandery is, in consequence, great and growing in the right direction.

R. E. Sir Edgar D. Brookman, Grand Commander.

E. Sir George A. Pettigrew, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Sir Charles L. Brockway, re-appointed Committee on Correspondence.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Chamberlain, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 8, 9 and 10, 1911.

TENNESSEE, 1911

The volume opens with two finely-engraved half-tone portraits of R. E. Sir Josiah C. Eggleston, Grand Commander, and our fellow Scribe, E. Sir John B. Garrett.

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave was held at Harriman, Tenn., May 18, 1911.

The opening of Grand Commandery was preceded by a public ceremony in the Asylum of Chevalier Commandery, where the Sir Knights convened and marched to the headquarters of Grand Commandery, escorted by Harriman's splendid band, marching to the strains of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Parade was made through the principal streets of the city to the auditorium of the National Christian Temperance Union, where addresses of welcome were made by Sir John W. Staples, Sir Josiah C. Eggleston and the Grand Prelate, Sir and Rev. William James L. Clark. After the conclusion of the services the lines were formed and proceeded in procession to the Asylum of Chevalier Commandery, when they were dismissed.

Grand Commandery was then opened in due form at two o'clock in the afternoon, all the Grand Officers being present, with the exception of the Grand Standard Bearer.

The constitutional number of Commanderies being represented, prayer was offered by the Grand Prelate.

The Grand Commander's address is a readable document and contains much that is of interest, and we quote from the same:

"It would be impossible for me to appear before the members of the Grand Commandery at this annual conclave and suppress or conceal my emotions in reviewing the official experiences of the fading year.

"The chivalric age has past; the opened gates of history alone give view of the militant orders whose deeds tore the fetters from the serf, graved the lines of nations, crushed tyrannical oppressors beneath tumbling thrones; forever destroyed the cruel fanaticism which presumed to set bounds to human thought and enslave free conscience; rent the cloudy veil and bid mankind, look up! Behold the morning sun quickening the germs of thought into liberty, enlightenment, progress and purity, but above all else whose professions and practices lifted helpless woman from the foul depths of concubinage and enthroned her upon an eminence of purity which man may approach, but never attain. Inspired by the teachings of the Master they created the home by the consideration of the wife and the sanctification of the mother. Their principles and deeds have made the home the human temple wherein Purity enshrined with Deity is ministered by faith and hope. They have inspired the ambitions of men to share successful accomplishment with the wife and yield willing homage to the sacredness of the mother.

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"During the year many noble companions of the craft have received the Orders of Knighthood, but within our borders are yet many good men and true, worthy and eligible, in character the superiors of monarchs, whose fellowship would be honor to us and to whom the Order would afford opportunity for the further extension of honor and virtue. They should be made acquainted with our history, professions and purposes, and their fellowship sought.

"We, as Knights Templar, are in the world to endeavor to benefit and elevate humanity; to lift it to the higher levels of love and good-fellowship. To this purpose let us earnestly devote so much of our time and talents as we can. By so doing let us purify and keep pure our own and the hearts of our fellows, and let us bring as floral offerings to lay upon the altar of the home our purest thoughts, our best endeavors and most refined aspirations. Let us enter the vineyard, seek guidance in prayer, happiness in labor, and find contentment in the enjoyment of the fruits of a virtuous example."

He pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. His dispensations were few, but among them one granting dispensation to a Commandery to receive and ballot upon five petitions at a Stated Conclave.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts of \$9,906.43; disbursements of \$4,512.32.

The Grand Recorder reports total membership May 1, 1911, of 1498, a gain for the year of 58.

Upon Roll-call of Grand Representatives, twenty-three were found to be present, but we fail to find among the number the representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The report on Correspondence is by E. Sir Henry H. Ingersoll and occupies 83 pages of the Proceedings. Massachusetts and Rhode Island received courteous attention, two pages being devoted to the same. Referring to our Semi-Annual he says:

"Field's Point we have never seen, and that annual Templar dinner of our Fraters we have never attended; but from some experience along shore in Connecticut and Long Island this correspondent would give his 'breeks fra aff his hurdies' to attend that seashore dinner just once."

We assure Em. Sir Ingersoll that if he ever comes to Massachusetts we will see that he gets his fill of all the good things that are provided at this annual dinner. Of our Report on Correspondence we excerpt his remark as follows:

"Recorder Rowell presents his third report on 'foreign' correspondence, but it is 'ginger cake to goobers' that he cannot explain to the satisfaction of himself or any other Knight Templar why he calls it 'foreign.' Under the organization of Knights Templar in the United States no Grand Commandery is foreign to another, even in the sense in which that word is used in our State and Federal courts; and then 'fraternal' sounds so much pleasanter and more accordant with the spirit and phraseology of our Order."

R. E. Sir Josiah C. Eggleston, Grand Commander.

E. Sir John B. Garrett, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E. Sir Henry H. Ingersoll continued as Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Conclave to be held in May, 1912, place and date to be determined by the Grand Commander.

TEXAS, 1911

The fifty-eighth Annual Conclave, held at Forth Worth, Texas, April 19 and 20, 1911.

The volume of Proceedings opens with a splendid likeness of Right Eminent Sir Sam P. Cochran, Grand Commander.

Representatives of almost every Commandery in the State to the number of five hundred were present in Fort Worth and united in a public Order of Exercises at the First Methodist Episcopal church. Procession was formed in the Asylum of Worth Commandery, No. 19, and marched to the church where public devotional services were held, consisting of Address of Welcome and Response and Declaration of Faith. At its close, after the benediction, the procession was re-formed and returned to the Asylum, where the Grand Commandery was opened, after devotions by Sir and Rev. John K. Black, Grand Prelate.

All the Grand Officers were found to be present, and the representatives of forty-two Commanderies. Among the distinguished visitors was Sir H. B. Stoddard, Past Grand Commander of Texas, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, who was received with the honors due his exalted rank. There was also present R. E. Sir William L. Eagleton, Past Grand Commander of Oklahoma and the Representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, who was also received with appropriate honors.

The annual address of the Grand Commander followed, in which he pays due respect to the departed Fraters of his own and Sister Grand Jurisdictions. He reported the constitution of a Commandery located at Nacogdoches, Texas, and the restoration of the charter to McCoy Commandery, No. 26, located at Sulphur Springs. Dispensation was also issued to a Commandery to be located at San Marcos, also dispensations to Commanderies to be located at Corpus Christi and Columbus, Texas. Dispensation was refused for a Commandery to be located at Brownsville. Many dispensations were granted, among others one to ballot out of time; one for a Commandery to meet at other than its own place of meeting.

He refused request for a dispensation to ballot upon two petitions out of statutory time.

Among his decisions was the following:

"In May, 1910, the following by-law was submitted, with the question whether it was in compliance with the statute on this subject, viz:

"Any Sir Knight having been continuously a member of this Commandery for eighteen years, may be made a life member therein by the payment of a fixed sum of \$6.00 (six dollars) in cash; or, any member of this Commandery may become a life member therein by the payment of a fixed sum of \$60.00 (sixty dollars) in cash, thereafter being exempt from all dues."

"I held that the first section of the by-law was invalid, as being in violation of the statute of this Grand Commandery, Article 197, in that it imposes another condition than the mere payment of a fixed sum of money, viz: eighteen years continuous membership; but that the last section of the by-law, requiring the payment of a fixed sum of \$60.00 in cash was valid. This subject is specifically and clearly covered under Section 186 of the new Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, which requires not only the payment of a fixed sum of money in cash, but continuous affiliation in Lodge and Chapter."

And the following decision may be of interest:

"The Eminent Commander of a Commandery submitted the statement that his Commandery had received a petition for affiliation, against which a protest had been filed with him, and asked for a ruling on the points of the case covered by the following questions, to which my answers are also given in connection with the questions:

"1st. What is the effect of a protest against an application for affiliation?

"A. There is no law of the Grand Encampment or of the Grand Commandery of Texas bearing on this subject, and in the absence of a specific statute, I hold that a protest against an application for membership by affiliation will have no effect and that the applicant can only be rejected by black-ball upon regular ballot."

We quote from his conclusion:

"My fond hope is to see our Order elevated, by a more rigid discipline and a stricter adherence to and exemplification of

its principles, so that the Emblem of the Templar may everywhere be recognized as a credential of true worth, honor and fidelity. To the accomplishment of this noble aim, I shall esteem it a privilege to lend my humble efforts, even after I have passed out of office and ceased to wield authority. For the present, I thank you cordially for the high honor conferred upon me, and wish for you a harmonious session and happy reunion."

The volume contains a description of the flags of Texas by Sir J. C. Kidd, Grand Recorder, which makes a very interesting addition to the volume.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts of \$6,681.33, with a balance on hand of \$5,180.04; making a total of \$11,861.37. Expenditures were \$7,884.61.

The Grand Recorder's report shows a membership of 5,282, a net gain for the year of 382.

The Second Day's Session the Roll of Grand Representatives of Grand Commanderies was called, among whom we note Sir J. C. Kidd, Past Grand Commander and Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, who responded to the words of welcome for the Grand Representatives present.

Among the pleasing incidents of the session was the presentation of a Past Grand Commander's jewel and shoulder straps to R.E. Sir Sam P. Cochran, retiring Grand Commander, the presentation being made by Sir J. C. Kidd, Past Grand Commander. Sir Cochran feelingly expressed his thanks for the same.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir J. C. Kidd for the Committee, and with illustrations occupies more than one hundred and fifty pages of the volume. It contains much of interest and is a very readable and finished review. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention of two pages, and in conclusion he says, "let us write and let the other fellow know we are keeping tabs on his doings, and somebody may 'get him' if he doesn't watch out," and he certainly is fully "onto his job."

R.E. Sir William Madden Fly, Grand Commander.

E. Sir J. C. Kidd, Grand Recorder.

Sir Robert M. Elgin, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Conclave to be held in Brownwood, beginning April 10, 1912.

UTAH, 1911

The Second Annual Conclave, held in Salt Lake City, May 9, 1911. All of the Grand Officers present, and the representatives of three chartered Commanderies.

In his address the Grand Commander says, "It is with great pleasure that I welcome you today, at the end of the first year of the existence of the Grand Commandery of this State," also that his association as Grand Commander had brought him in closer contact with the three different Commanderies making up the Jurisdiction than he otherwise would have experienced. He recommends to the Commanderies of the Jurisdiction the absolute importance of opening in full form at each meeting, thereby creating an interest and performing the work in a manner creditable to all concerned.

The Grand Recorder's report shows present membership of 398.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts of \$642.50; expenditures of \$313.25.

Among the resolutions passed was one rescinding the action of adopting uniform as prescribed by the Grand Encampment of the United States and the adoption of a uniform to be called the Utah uniform.

The election of officers resulted in Sir J. H. Epperson as R.E. Grand Commander and W. A. Raddon, Park City, as E. Grand Recorder.

Immediately following the installation of the Grand Officers, Grand Commandery was the guest of Utah Commandery, No. 1, and witnessed the conferring of the Order of the Temple, followed by a banquet.

The report on Correspondence was by a Committee of which C. B. Jack is chairman. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous mention.

R.:E.:Sir J. H. Epperson, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir W. A. Raddon, Grand Recorder.

The Third Annual Conclave to be held in Ogden, the second Tuesday in May, 1912.

VERMONT, 1911

The Sixty-ninth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Burlington, Tuesday, June 13, 1911.

All of the Grand Officers were present except the R.:E.: Grand Commander, Daniel S. Danforth, who had been called to the Grand Asylum above during the year. Twenty-four Grand Representatives were reported as present, among whom we fail to find the representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Following the report of the Committee on Credentials comes the address of the Acting Grand Commander, V.:E.:Sir George F. Root. Among other things the address contains the following:

"As Acting Grand Commander, I bid you welcome.

"At this time our hearts are weary as we think of our beloved leader who has gone to give an accounting of his stewardship to the Supreme Grand Master, and, while we miss you, 'Daniel,' more than words can tell, still we know that today you are looking down upon this body with love in your eyes, and we can hear you say, 'God bless you, boys, every one.'

RIGHT EMINENT DANIEL S. DANFORTH, GRAND COMMANDER.

"One year ago you stood before us as the personal exemplification of all that Christian Templarism means today; but, alas! before you could fairly enter upon your duties as Grand Commander, you were laid at rest at peace with all the world."

V.:E.: Sir Root reports that during the year no question of jurisprudence had been presented him for a decision, which speaks well for the Sir Knights of that jurisdiction. Among his suggestions was one that all Commanderies open in full form at every meeting, and by so doing become proficient in this part of the work. He also recommends that the Com-

manderies change their By-Laws to include a uniform in the price of the degrees.

The Committee on Grievances report that nothing had been presented to them for action.

The report of the Committee on Necrology is an able document and pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by our mutual friend, Marsh O. Perkins, and like all others from his pen is an able and readable paper, occupying 109 pages of the Proceedings. There is much contained therein that we should like to quote, but time and space forbid. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous mention, with three pages, in which he calls Grand Commander Burnham's address a masterly paper, and quotes from our Correspondence for 1910.

R.:E.:Sir George F. Root, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir Henry H. Ross, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E.:Sir Marsh O. Perkins continued as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The Seventieth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Burlington, on the second Tuesday in June, 1912.

VIRGINIA, 1910

The Eighty-eighth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Richmond, Va., October 27 and 28, 1910.

All of the Grand Officers were present and the Grand Recorder reported that every Commandery in the State was represented, either by officers in person, or by proxy, whereupon the Grand Commander, assisted by the Grand Officers, after devotions by the Grand Prelate, opened the Grand Commandery in ample form.

The roll of Grand Representatives being called, twenty-four were found to be present, among whom we note Sir Alonzo W. Traylor, Grand Representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Many distinguished visitors were also recorded as present, among whom was V.:E.:Sir Henry M. Boykin, Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment of the

United States, who was cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's address is a faithful record of the transactions of his office during the year. He pays fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. His dispensations were few and in accordance with Templar law. Among the decisions of interest was one made to the Commander of Harrisburg Commandery, No. 10:

"EMINENT SIR AND FRATER — Replying to your question, 'Has a Commandery the right to release a Companion who has been elected to receive the Templar degrees, and return to him the fee advanced for same?' will say that you cannot compel him to receive the degrees or demand his reasons for not doing so. I am not aware of any statutory law covering the point, and am therefore of the opinion that it is purely a matter between your Commandery and the applicant. If your By-laws provide that a candidate shall forfeit fees paid in advance if he fails to present himself for the degrees at a given time, and he had knowledge of the fact, you would, perhaps, have a legal right to claim the forfeit, but I very much question the Knightly propriety of doing so."

The Grand Recorder's report shows a membership of 3,047, a gain for the year of 98.

From the Grand Treasurer's report we glean that the receipts have been \$4,432.45, and expenditures \$3,182.57.

At the close of the first day's session, Richmond Commandery, No. 2, Commandery of St. Andrew, No. 13, and the Grand Commandery jointly tendered a banquet to all the visiting Sir Knights, and the record says a most enjoyable hour was spent around the festive board.

At the second day's session the Grand Recorder submitted the following report relative to the regulation requiring the Sir Knights to procure uniforms, which we quote:

ANNUAL CONCLAVE, DECEMBER 14TH, 1871. "Resolved, that it is the imperative duty of every Sir Knight to procure the uniform within NINETY DAYS after his creation, and equally

the duty of the Eminent Commander to urge upon the members an immediate compliance with this Regulation."

ANNUAL CONCLAVE, OCTOBER 9TH, 1877. The Grand Commander in his address said: "Perhaps the first step to reform will be found in the rigid enforcement of the laws of the Grand Commandery on the subject of Uniforms. No Sir Knight should be permitted with impunity to disregard this requirement, and if, after reasonable notice, any shall fail to provide the dress demanded by our Regulations, they should be suspended until such neglect is remedied."

The Grand Commandery also voted that the sum of \$100 be appropriated to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund.

No report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir Wm. Baylor McChesney, Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir James B. Blanks, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Richmond, October 26, 1911.

WASHINGTON, 1910

The Twenty-third Annual Conclave, held in the city of Tacoma, June 29 and 30, 1910.

Preliminary to the opening of the Conclave, the officers and members of Grand Commandery assembled at headquarters at the Hotel Tacoma, and were escorted by the Sir Knights of Seattle Commandery, No. 2, and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 4, to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where religious services were conducted by Rt. Rev. Sir Knight Frederic W. Keator, Bishop of the Diocese. Just before the close of the service a message was whispered to Rev. Keator, and at the close he announced he had just been informed of the death of E. Sir Conrad L. Hoska, Grand Senior Warden, who had started with the Sir Knights in the parade, had been taken to a physician's office, expiring a few minutes thereafter.

Following the service Grand Commandery was escorted to the Asylum of Ivanhoe Commandery, where Grand Com-

mandery was opened in ample form, invocation to Deity being invoked by Rt. Rev. Sir Knight Keator, acting as Grand Prelate.

All the Grand Officers were present with the exception of the Senior Grand Warden and Grand Warder. The roll of Commanderies being called, all were found to be represented. Eleven Past Grand Commanders were also present. V. E. Sir Stephen C. Court, Past Preceptor, of Victoria, B.C., and member of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and R. E. Sir Frank J. Miller, Past Grand Commander and M. E. Grand High Priest of Oregon were introduced and welcomed by the R. E. Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander then delivered his address. Under the head of Necrology the Grand Recorder reported list of the Sir Knights of their own and sister Grand Jurisdictions who had marched on before. His dispensations were few and in compliance with constitutional law. He refused dispensation to a Commandery to ballot upon a candidate at a special conclave. He made but one decision, which was also in accordance with constitutional law. He reported the constituting of a new Commandery at Wenatchee, to be called Columbia Commandery, No. 14. We excerpt from his conclusion:

"Hospitality being one of the grand characteristics of this order, the practice of this commendable virtue cannot but lead us toward the attainment of all human aspirations — happiness — which suggests the following reflections:

"Happiness being the chief end of man, it is a satisfaction to believe that its realization can be found in applying and appropriating the lessons inculcated in this order, and the orders leading up to it. Misfortune may befall us, but a consolation may be found in the beautiful teachings of the order, and our lives and conduct reflected upon the community cannot but affect in a lesser or greater degree those with whom we come in contact. Real happiness will come from living up to the standard illustrated in these teachings, finding a summary in

'Fear God and keep His commandments.'
'God be with you till we meet again.'"

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows receipts \$2,176.35; disbursements, \$1,562.10. Cash balance on hand, \$1,912.30.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows the membership to be 1,768; net gain for the year of 142.

The proceedings of the day were routine in character.

The report on Correspondence is by Rt. Em. Sir Yancey C. Blalock, Chairman of the Committee, and occupies 135 pages of the Proceedings. Like all other reports from this committee, it is a readable and comprehensive review of the various Grand Jurisdictions. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention with three pages, in which he quotes largely from the address of Grand Commander Burnham.

R. E. Sir John G. Campbell, Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Yancey C. Blalock, re-elected Grand Recorder and continued Correspondent.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Conclave to be held in Spokane, Wednesday and Thursday, June 21 and 22, 1911.

WISCONSIN, 1910

The Forty-seventh Annual Conclave convened in the Asylum of Wisconsin Commandery, No. 1, Masonic Building, in the city of Milwaukee, Tuesday afternoon, October 11, 1910, at two o'clock.

All of the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Standard Bearer. After devotions by the Grand Prelate came the appointment of standing committees.

The address of the Grand Commander, William P. Kenney, faithfully set forth his official acts and decisions during his term of office. He pays fitting tribute to the deceased Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. His decisions were few and were in accordance with Templar law. An application for dispensation to confer the Order on a Sabbath Day was refused, the reason given being that "the Order is founded on

the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues; that it is a Masonic law of universal application that no work be done, or meeting held on the Sabbath Day except for the burial of the dead or for religious purposes." He also refused application from a Commandery to waive the payment of fees in conferring the Order upon a clergyman, in accordance with Section 13, Article I of the Regulations. He also refused dispensation to a Commandery to ballot upon a petition at a Stated Conclave held within the time provided by the statutory limit. Among his recommendations we quote the following:

"For several years this Grand Commandery has expended yearly large sums of money to print in its annual proceedings the names of the officers and members of each constituent Commandery for the purpose of providing, as it believed, valuable information in matters pertaining principally as to location, residence and rank of the Sir Knights in this jurisdiction. But it has come to our attention that these names as published by this Grand Commandery have been, and are today being systematically used principally by a class of people not entitled thereto, for the purpose of promoting their own business. In numerous instances unprincipled men under the cloak of our Order have exploited their nefarious schemes much to the serious detriment of Masonry in this and other States. In a few instances even Sir Knights have so far forgotten their obligations and every sense of honor as men and Masons to use these names to promote their private business. The highest moral ethics, and the dignity of Templarism in Wisconsin, require that this Grand Commandery should not knowingly afford opportunity for any class of men to ply such methods.

"If it be true, as my investigation discloses, that we are placing a weapon in the hands of the profane, the clandestine Mason, and to a class of Masons—only so in name—then there ought not to be any question as to the discontinuance of the publication of these names, and I therefore earnestly recommend that the publishing of names of members of Subordinate Commanderies be discontinued.

"2d. That a donation of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) be made by this Grand Commandery to the Henry W. Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund."

And we also excerpt from his conclusion:

"And now, Sir Knights, in closing this account of my stewardship, there remains but the word of adieu to those who with such rare fidelity have, as fellow workers, given me their counsel and support. I have known our Grand Recorder for many years, but during the past twelvemonth I have had the opportunity to know him better; his unfailing courtesy at all times, his willingness and his marked ability to counsel and advise—and to me he has given both on many occasions—has placed me under obligations which I shall not forget while memory serves. I owe a debt of gratitude to so many others that were I to attempt to name them I would not know where to end."

The Committee on Credentials report the presence of thirty-eight representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, among whom we find R. E. Sir Herbert N. Laflin, representative of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows the present membership 4,592, a net gain of 238.

The Grand Trustees report receipts of \$13,077.04; expenditures, \$7,450.38.

Grand Commandery was called to order by the Grand Commander at nine o'clock on Wednesday, October 12, for the second day's session, and after prayer by the Grand Prelate proceeded to business in regular order.

Petition for a new Commandery to be located at Richmond Center was referred to the General Committee.

The report on Correspondence is by Em. Sir N. C. Giffin and occupies 163 pages. He reports all of the forty-seven Grand Jurisdictions. Massachusetts and Rhode Island is courteously reviewed, four pages being devoted to the same. He calls our report an excellent one, for which he has our grateful acknowledgments. From his conclusion, in speaking of the Mutuels, we excerpt the following:

"We are already beginning to look forward to '1913' and expect that Denver will do equally as well as Chicago. But we shall not *all* be there; some of the Mutuels are far advanced in years and liable to lay down the working tools at any time,

and yet may outlive some of the younger ones. Quite a number have 'Crossed the Bar' during the last six years. But it matters not how soon the summons comes, if we shall have 'faithfully discharged the great duties which we owe to God, to our neighbor and to ourselves;' if we shall have so conducted ourselves that the trestle-board of our whole lives shall pass such inspection that it shall be given unto each of us to 'eat of the hidden manna' and receive the 'White Stone with a New Name.'"

R.:E.:Sir George B. Wheeler, Grand Commander.

E.:Sir William W. Perry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

E.:Sir Nathan C. Giffin, re-elected Foreign Correspondent.

The Fifty-third Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Milwaukee on Tuesday, October 10, 1911.

WYOMING, 1911

The Twenty-fourth Annual Conclave held at Cheyenne, Wednesday, April 5, 1911.

The Grand Recorder having reported a constitutional number of members present, the Grand Commander, with the assistance of the Sir Knights present, opened Grand Commandery in ample form, the devotional services being conducted by the Grand Prelate.

All of the Grand Officers present, with the exception of the Grand Captain General, Grand Treasurer and Grand Standard Bearer.

The reading of the minutes of the last Conclave was dispensed with as they had been printed and were in the hands of the Sir Knights, and were approved as printed.

It was announced that V.:E.:Sir Jacob H. Epperson, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Utah, and personal Representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was in waiting and he was introduced and welcomed to the Grand Commandery and a seat in the East, as follows:

"It affords us very great pleasure indeed, to extend to you a most cordial and hearty welcome to the Asylum of the Grand

Commandery of the State of Wyoming. We would assure you of the warm, fraternal greeting which awaits you from each of us, as Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of our sister Grand Jurisdiction and neighboring State of Utah. We esteem it also doubly an honor and privilege to greet and welcome you as the accredited representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

"This is, as far as I am aware, the first time that the Grand Commandery of Wyoming has been favored with a visit from a representative of that august body, and we are very much gratified at your presence at our Grand Conclave today, and extend to you a very courteous and Knightly welcome among us at this time."

To which the Sir Knight responded eloquently and at length.

Calling the roll of Grand Representatives it was found there were present twenty-two representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, and we do not find Massachusetts and Rhode Island represented. These Eminent Sir Knights were formally presented and introduced with the honors due their stations and were welcomed by the Rt.:Em.:Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander then delivered his annual address, in which he pays fitting tribute to the departed Fraters of his own and sister Grand Jurisdictions. His dispensations and decisions were few and all in accordance with Templar law. At the conclusion the address was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows present membership 576, a gain of 23.

The Grand Recorder presented and read the report of the Grand Treasurer. Receipts with balance on hand, \$1,297.26; expenditures, \$739.60; balance on hand, \$557.66.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Finance, it was voted that the sum of \$50 be transferred from the hands of the Treasurer to the Henry Warren Rugg Monument and Memorial Fund.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Em.:Sir Adrian J. Parshall, occupying 119 pages of the Proceedings, in which he ably reviews all of the Pro-

ceedings that had come to hand. Massachusetts and Rhode Island receives courteous attention, three pages being devoted to the same.

R. E. Sir Joseph H. King, Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Adrian J. Parshall, re-elected Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave to be held at Laramie March 14, 1912.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, 1910

The Triennial Conclave was held in Chicago, Ill., August 9th to 11th, 1910.

The most important business of the Conclave was the acting upon the report of the Committee to whom was referred the revision of the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, which was duly considered and expeditiously finished.

Another matter of importance was the adoption of the Concordat, and for the information of our Fraters we give in full the Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and the instrument before referred to.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

To the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations rejoice to report that peace and prosperity are found in all the Templar organizations throughout the nations, and that the spirit of world-wide fraternity and amity is growing in all Christian orders, and striving to allay whatever dissensions may occur in the Commanderies and Preceptories of our Order.

ENGLAND AND WALES

A careful review of the Proceedings of this Great Priory gives assurance of the peace and prosperity to be found in all its preceptories. A desire to do justice to Templars of all nations is the ruling spirit of their legislation, as is evidenced by the hearty approval of the Concordat. Not in vain are the

ties of race, language and religion which bind the two great Anglo-Saxon countries together, for between them there is no dissension and the work of the Concordat is to preclude the chance of even a misunderstanding which might mar the fraternal spirit we prize so highly.

IRELAND

The Templar organization in Ireland would seem particularly strict in its management of domestic affairs and the high standard of Templarism is well upheld. In regard to foreign relations, the Great Priory of Ireland agreed to the tenor of the Concordat, but preferred a more legal diplomatic phraseology, thus making it more cumbersome and legal, rather than a basis of fraternal understanding. However, where hearts are in accord there can be no serious disagreement over forms and we expect the heartiest coöperation from our brother Templars in Ireland.

SCOTLAND

It has been well known to all Templars that for a century or more there have been in Scotland two governing bodies of Knights Templar; the one, recognized by this Grand Encampment, as Chapter General, or more recently as the Great Priory of Scotland and the Dependencies of the British Crown; and the other known as the Grand Encampment of the Temple and Malta in Scotland. Of these we have spoken in previous reports.

Some years ago the influence of the chairman of this committee was solicited and exerted in favor of the consolidation of these two great Priories and this has at last been accomplished, as we have been informed by the officers of the respective bodies. We are glad to recognize and report this consolidation and union of all Preceptories under the one sovereign head, now and hereafter to be known as The Great Priory of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple in Scotland and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.

It is unnecessary to enter into a detailed statement of the condition of this splendid body, the flashing of whose fifty thousand swords in the grand parade on Michigan Boulevard attests its spirit and pride in this glorious semi-military and religious order. Surely the display of chivalry, yesterday, gathered from the several states of this Union, Canada, England and Wales,

Ireland and Scotland, including the M. E. Grand Master of Canada, L. E. Archibald and suite, and Lord Euston, Pro. Grand Master of England, representing the Duke of Connaught and suite, witnessed by half a million citizens, surpasses the scene when Richard Cœur de Lion led his knights against the enemies of the Temple. Had the hundred thousand Templars in the city yesterday been included in that marvelous defence of Christianity against the Saracens, history might have written a different story of the Crusades and a grander triumph of Christianity.

CANADA

Canada, as we stated in a previous report, is a growing body, new preceptories being formed and the membership rapidly increasing. From Halifax on the east, to Vancouver on the west, new bodies are being organized in that glorious country of Alberta and Manitoba and the other provinces. Everywhere peace prevails and prosperity abounds. The only cloud on the horizon has been the continuance of a Scottish charter in New Brunswick which, we doubt not, will soon be withdrawn, in view of the committee of the Great Priory of Scotland's having agreed to the fifth article of the Concordat, which reads as follows:

"We, the contracting parties, mutually agree that neither will issue any Dispensation or Warrant authorizing the establishment of any Preceptory, Priory or Commandery within the Jurisdiction of the other."

JOHN CORSON SMITH,
KITREDGE HASKINS,
JULIUS L. BROWN,
CHARLES L. FIELD,
GEORGE H. BENZENBERG.

CONCORDAT

"To the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America:"

In accordance with the following resolution, adopted at the Thirtieth Triennial Conclave of this Grand Encampment:

Resolved, That the Grand Master be requested to appoint a commission of three Sir Knights whose duty it shall be to consult with any like commission which may be appointed by any other Templar body, looking to the establishing of an agreement between all of the Templar organizations of the world, which shall have for its end and purpose the bringing into complete

harmony and accord, as touching the laws, customs and usages of the several bodies, so far as it may be done, thus promoting and securing a complete union of all Templar bodies and thus uniting all of the members of the Orders of Christian Knighthood into a closer and more intimate relationship to each other, to the honor and glory of the Great Head of the Order, and to the advancement and benefit of the Order, your committee fraternally reports:

Immediately after the adjournment of this Grand Encampment, the action of this body was certified to the Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown; the Great Priory of the United Masonic Orders of the Temple and Malta in Ireland and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown; the Great Priory of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple in Scotland and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown; and the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

Following the receipt of this communication by the several Great Priorities named, committees of three were appointed by them and copies of the Concordat which had been carefully drawn by the committee appointed by Rev. Henry W. Rugg, our M. E. Grand Master, were then forwarded to the respective committees for their consideration. After due examination and consultation, these were heartily approved and returned without change, except in some minor details.

The Concordat is as follows:

"When those splendid Orders of Knighthood, the Knights Templar and the Knights Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem, or Knights of Malta, were known and active powers for the protection of Christianity with fortified posts of defence on the islands of the Mediterranean, they were duly organized in languages, each nationality being governed by one Commander and the united organizations by one Grand Master. When in the progress of time and the changes of civilization these bodies ceased to be of armed warriors, and taking on the forms of civil government for the advancement of morality and the protection of virtue, it was still found necessary to continue the organization in form and manner as best serves our advanced civilization and national requirement.

"Thus it matters not of what nationality or to what Christian sect our members belong, the tendency is to be drawn together in the one service of our Heavenly Father and in behalf of our common humanity, the better to aid in bringing into a more close and intimate friendship the numerous bodies of our Order

now established in all parts of the civilized world and especially the English-speaking countries thereof.

'Therefore, we, the lawfully authorized representatives of the Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, in England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown; the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; the Religious and Military Order of the Temple Great Priory of Ireland; the Great Priory of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple in Scotland and Dependencies of the British Crown; and the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, present to each other and to the Governing Bodies we represent, the following treaty of amity or Concordat and earnestly recommend its approval:

'*First:* It is hereby agreed by the Governing Bodies of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta here represented, namely:

'The Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, in England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown; the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, United States of America; the Religious and Military Order of the Temple Great Priory of Ireland; the Great Priory of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple in Scotland and Dependencies of the British Crown; and the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, each being the Governing Body in its own country, that each of these Governing Bodies is Supreme in its own Jurisdiction and this acknowledgment is also jointly made.

'*Second:* That we deem it expedient and in the interest of the Orders in our respective Jurisdiction that such rules and regulations should be made and promulgated as may tend to draw more closely together the members of the Order in our respective countries, and promote the interchange of courtesy and hospitality.

'*Third:* That any Preceptory or Commandery working under a charter granted by any one of these Governing Bodies shall not confer the Orders recognized in that Jurisdiction for a less sum than required by the laws of such Governing Body, or upon any one not a Companion of the Holy Royal Arch in regular standing in both a Lodge and Chapter.

'*Fourth:* These Governing Bodies agree mutually to support and uphold each other, and declare that any member of the United Orders who may be suspended, excluded or expelled by any one of the Governing Bodies shall not be affiliated to any Preceptory or Commandery under the Jurisdiction of the

others. Nor shall they in any way recognize anybody professing to be a body of Knights Templar in any country which does not hold a Dispensation or Warrant from one or other of these Governing Bodies.

'*Fifth:* We, the contracting parties, mutually agree that neither will issue any Dispensation or Warrant authorizing the establishment of any Preceptory, Priory or Commandery within the exclusive Jurisdiction of the other, and that all Templars shall be received according to their rank at home, on an equal footing with those among whom they shall respectively come, taking precedence according to their official rank or degree and among those of equal rank, according to the seniority of the Commission or Warrant.

'*Sixth:* Each of said contracting parties agrees not to recognize any other Templar organization or authority within the Jurisdiction now embraced by these contracting parties; each recognizing the absolute and exclusive control of the other over all matters pertaining to the Order within its exclusive Jurisdiction.'

These copies of the Concordat submitted to the committee of the several Great Priories were returned, signed as follows:

On behalf of the Great Priory of England and Wales.

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, K.C.T., Gt. Sen.

JOHN STRACHAN, K.C.T., Gt. Chan.

C. F. MATIER, G.C.T., Gt. Vice Chan.

On behalf of the Great Priory of Ireland,

A. D. DAVOREN, G.C.T., Gt. Chan.

JOSHUA FAYLE, K.C.T., Gt. Treas. and Gt. Reg.

On behalf of the Great Priory of Scotland,

JAMES T. STEWART, G.C.T., Grand Sen.

J. INGLIS, K.C.T., Grand Treas.

J. W. BALFOUR MELVILLE, K.C.T., Grand Sec. and Reg.

On behalf of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A.,

JOHN CORSON SMITH, G.C.T.

WM. B. MELISH, Acting G.M.

E. BENTLEY YOUNG, P.G.C.

On behalf of the Great Priory of Canada,

JOHN V. ELLIS, P.G.M., K.T.

WILL H. WHYTE, P.G.M., K.T.

J. B. TRESIDDER, P.G.M., K.T.

In submitting this report your committee would call attention to the fact that in the adoption of the same, one more link has been added to the golden chain which binds together the Templar organizations of the English-speaking world, one more stone has been included in the arch of universal brotherhood, and that without change in the Constitutions, Laws and usages of the several Grand Bodies.

JOHN CORSON SMITH,
WILLIAM B. MELISH,
E. BENTLEY YOUNG."

Sir Knight WILLIAM BROMWELL MELISH,
M.:E.:Grand Master.

Sir Knight JOHN A. GEROW,
V.:E.:Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION

In closing our annual review of the Proceedings that have come to our hand, we find in careful reading of the same that harmony exists throughout the Order and there is little to criticise or mention except those matters of interest that we have embodied in our report.

The review has been of much labor owing to the multitude of affairs and business that have come upon our shoulders during the year, and we can only say that had we the time to have given it the attention it deserved, we could, perhaps, have presented a more readable and interesting document, but such as it is we give it to you, trusting it will meet with your approbation.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. M. Powell".

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